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A CHRONOLOGICAL LIST  
OF EVENTS FOR FIFTY YEARS  
WITH ILLUSTRATIONS

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# INTRODUCTION.

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The Program Committee, in presenting this souvenir to the citizens and visitors at our Sesqui-Centennial observance, regret the impossibility of a more adequate and comprehensive historical work. After several months of interviewing prospective historians and awaiting their answer, which was always negative, the committee decided to engage those available for searching the records and the suggestion that a chronological list of events for the past fifty years be the basis of the book, was adopted.

The committee and others have worked hard to secure the information contained herein, newspapers of the three publishing houses in town to the number of nearly 12,000 had to be rapidly scanned and the copy prepared and edited in a few weeks.

It is expected that criticism of omissions of some happenings may be made and that many items printed may be looked upon as inconsequential or trivial, but everything concerns somebody or their property and may be the basis later for a more complete record of the half-century through which the town has survived, despite its unhappy and uneasy periods of labor troubles and depressions of business conditions. So, it is hoped, the progress of Milford and its citizens along business or political lines will be read with interest.

But Milford has prospered well during the past fifty years. In 1880 our total bank deposits in the Milford National, Home National and Milford Savings, were \$1,666,425. This year's figures show \$11,360,738. Besides, the Milford Co-operative Bank has come into our financial life since 1880, starting in March, 1887 and that institution, in its last report revealed assets of \$2,173,928.

In 1880, our population was 9,299 and that included Hopedale, then a part of our town. The 1930 census report credits Milford with 14,739 inhabitants.

It has, like hundreds of other towns, had its rise in some particular industry and then watched its wane, powerless to prevent



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it. For Milford, it was the boot and shoe business, in which it once was the leading center of production.

Our granite industry bid fair to become a nationally known producer of a building material, superior to other stone, but its history shows a discouraging existence.

The amazing growth of the Hopedale plant of Draper Corporation, from a small building to the group of large structures which cover many acres of ground, has been in large measure the sustaining and upbuilding force for our community.

We have seen Milford a trolley center, cars running to all adjoining towns, but such tracks now are but relics of a dead style of transportation outside of places of very large population. The individual automobile and busses more rapidly convey the traveller today.

Milford, however, is a thriving town, with industrious, energetic people whose friendly welcome is known wherever its sons and daughters have travelled.

We are indebted to many people for the loan of photographs, several of which could be used. The Program Committee has been industriously seeking for interesting views and we trust our efforts will not be entirely in vain.

A few of the illustrations are very old and could not be reproduced for a better printing. Main Street of fifty years ago will be noted for its absence of motor vehicles, while the 1930 pictures are conspicuous by the absence of horse-drawn equipment.

The committee hopes for a kindly reception for this book and trusts that if serious errors are found they will be called to the attention of the publishers.





Powers Square—Draper Park—Post Office at right—1930.



Main Street Near Park Street—1930.





Main at Exchange and Central Streets—1930.



Milford Hospital—Southern end of Main Street, near  
Hopedale Town Line—1930.



# MILFORD EVENTS FOR FIFTY YEARS.

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1880.

JANUARY 5. Gen. William F. Draper appointed to staff of Gov. John D. Long.

JANUARY 20. Meeting held in Irving Hall in interest of equal suffrage.

FEBRUARY 8. First Main street sewer being constructed by the town.

FEBRUARY 12. Official census returns give Milford's population as 9,299.

FEBRUARY 14. Death of Warren W. Dutcher, inventor of Dutcher loom temple. Mr. Dutcher came to Hopedale in 1856 and in 1857 the Dutcher Temple Co. was formed.

FEBRUARY 18. Much excitement aroused by supposed discovery of gold in North Milford section.

MARCH 2. Tony Pastor, celebrated actor, played in Lyceum Hall.

MARCH 15. Matthew P. Callanan, Daniel J. Cronan and A. J. Sumner elected selectmen. Mr. Sumner refused to serve. James R. Davis elected to fill vacancy.

MARCH 17. Denman Thompson played in Lyceum Hall in "Josh Whitcomb."

MARCH 18. Milford had twenty-one boot manufactories. There were 924 cases of boots shipped from Milford this month, a gain of 253 cases over March, 1879.

MARCH 19. Public meeting in Irving Hall to take action in erecting new Opera House. George G. Cook called the meeting and Gen. William F. Draper presided.

APRIL 1. Milford postoffice made an international money order office.



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APRIL 7. Telephone service installed in Milford, Hopedale and surrounding towns.

MAY 1. Milford represented by a baseball team of high calibre. Fox and Ward were the battery. Patrick Lally, only surviving member of the team.

JUNE 1. Agitation for Memorial Hall started. George Draper of Hopedale offered \$2,500 toward it.

JUNE 12. Census Enumerator Thayer reports the products of Milford's industries from June 1, 1879 to June 1, 1880, \$3,432,000.

JUNE 24. High school graduating class of 1880 held its exercises. There were eight graduates.

JULY 1. Herbert W. Lull of Manchester, N. H., elected principal of High school at a salary of \$1,500.

JULY 13. Total assessed property is \$4,376,345; \$3,276,891 real estate; \$1,099,454 personal. Tax rate, \$17.

AUGUST 30. St. Mary's Parochial school opened with 200 girl pupils, at corner of Main and Sumner streets.

SEPTEMBER 11. Dearborn Bros. of Hudson, awarded contract to build the Milford Opera House for \$30,000, exclusive of plumbing, frescoing, heating and stage settings. The same concern got the excavation contract for \$1,200. The total cost exceeded \$55,000.

SEPTEMBER 26. Death of Hon. Aaron Claflin Mayhew, aged 68 years. He came to Milford in 1851, was a prominent boot manufacturer, president of Milford National Bank, the first president of International Loan and Trust Co., of Boston.

OCTOBER 12. Fire destroyed Ethan Claflin's bootshop and a dwelling on Pearl street; \$12,000 loss.

OCTOBER 17. Montgomery lodge entertained Marcus Richardson, a resident of Maine, on his 100th birthday anniversary. He was a former resident of Milford, was initiated into Montgomery lodge, October 5, 1803 and was said to be the oldest Mason in America, if not in the world. He died the following January 13.

OCTOBER 20. Houghton, Cooledge & Co., West Medway boot manufacturers, leased the Godfrey brick shop on Central street.



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The company removed its plant here, employed 300 hands and was a decided acquisition to Milford's industries.

OCTOBER 24. Death of Domenick McDavitt, aged 84. He was said to be the first native of Ireland to reside in Milford. The first mass celebrated in Milford was in his home in the Deer Brook section of Milford.

NOVEMBER 1. A new express train over the Boston & Albany railroad, from Milford to Boston and return, reducing the running time to one hour and twenty minutes.

NOVEMBER 3. Milford's representatives to General Court are Silas W. Hale and Capt. Charles W. Wilcox.

NOVEMBER 3. Death of Ebenezer Littlefield, aged 75 years. He was one of the original founders of the Methodist denomination in Milford.

DECEMBER 1. Samuel W. Hayward and Maj. A. W. Keene elected deputy sheriffs for three years.

## 1881.

JANUARY 1. Worcester South East Agricultural Society organized November 1, 1859, gave up its charter. It held fairs in Charles River Driving Park, which they owned. Hon. William F. Knowlton bought the property at mortgagee's sale for \$6,050.

JANUARY 2. Four Milford cigar manufactories made 1,094,730 cigars in 1880 and report sales of 1,077,400.

In 1880 various Milford boot manufacturers shipped 91,932 cases. Each case contained twelve pairs of boots, an increase of 10,000 cases over 1879.

FEBRUARY 10. Death of Thomas B. Thayer, aged 52 years, 10 months and 21 days, native of Milford, and a prominent business man.

MARCH 5. Death of Capt. Nathan W. Heath, clothing merchant, aged 70 years, dying on his birthday anniversary.

MARCH 7. William B. Hale, Daniel J. Cronan and James R. Davis elected selectmen. The town voted for license and the appropriations totalled \$78,016.81.



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MARCH 9. Charter for Milford Water Works signed by Gov. John D. Long.

MARCH 9. Milford Water Co. organized with Moses Joy, Jr., president and these directors: John P. Daniels, E. L. Wires, Charles F. Claflin, C. W. Shippee, Moses Joy, Jr. John P. Daniels was later elected treasurer.

APRIL 26. Gov. John D. Long and staff attended the opening night's fair of Maj. E. F. Fletcher Post 22, G. A. R.

MAY 7. Milford made its first contract with Milford Water Co. for water for fire purposes. It calls for sixty hydrants at an annual rental of \$2,800.

MAY 11. Valuation of Milford, \$4,384,855. Total amount appropriated \$86,808.21.

MAY 17. Boot shop and a house owned by Elbridge Mann destroyed by fire at a loss of \$45,000. One hundred employees thrown out of work.

JUNE 2. Seats for the formal opening of Milford Opera House, June 3 were sold at public auction at the house. George Draper paid the highest price, \$55, Gen. William F. Draper the second highest, \$47.50 and E. L. Wires the third for \$15. The total proceeds amounted to \$1,073.85.

JUNE 3. The play "The Guv'nor" opened the Opera House with Reeve's orchestra of ten pieces of Providence.

JULY 16. James Bergin of Milford awarded the contract to enlarge High school, twenty-three feet on westerly side.

JULY 20. Assessors report population of Milford, 10,154.

SEPTEMBER 6. Unusual and curious atmospheric condition, remembered as the "yellow day."

SEPTEMBER 14. Quarry lands extensively worked in Braggville and Deer Brook sections.

SEPTEMBER 26. Memorial services for late President James A. Garfield in Music Hall at which 1200 were present.

OCTOBER 3. Citizens at special town meeting voted to sell the town's 500 shares of stock in the Milford & Woonsocket Railroad



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Corporation to George Draper and James P. Ray for \$30,000. The par value of stock was \$50,000.

NOVEMBER 3. George W. Johnson elected State senator and Silas W. Hale representative.

NOVEMBER 24. Madame Janauschek, then one of the greatest actresses in the country, played in Music Hall.

DECEMBER 1. Oliver D. Holmes appointed Milford's first night patrolman.

DECEMBER 14. Clement, Colburn & Co., boot manufacturers, built an addition of a one-story building, 130 feet long and 45 feet wide. They removed their shoe business from Derry, N. H., to Milford, manufacturing from 5,000 to 6,000 pairs of shoes a day.

DECEMBER 25. Parishioners of St. Mary's Church, through Joseph F. Hickey, presented Rev. Fr. Patrick Cuddihy, the pastor, with a substantial gift in recognition of his fiftieth anniversary in the priesthood.

1882.

JANUARY 4. There were 656 criminal cases in district court in 1881, nine-tenths of which were for drunkenness. In 1881 there were recorded 151 deaths, 190 births and 70 marriages.

JANUARY 16. Fires were started in the boilers at Milford Water Co.'s pumping station by E. L. Wires, inaugurating water service for Milford.

JANUARY 20. Mrs. E. M. Pond appointed postmistress of Milford, succeeding her husband. He had been postmaster since 1869, being first appointed by President U. S. Grant.

FEBRUARY 22. Estabrook & Wires' factory off Central street destroyed by fire, causing loss of \$60,000. The concern manufactured patent clinching screws for boots and shoes. It was later rebuilt.

MARCH 4. William B. Hale, Daniel J. Cronan and Isaac N. Crosby elected selectmen at annual town meeting. License for the selling of liquor won by a majority of 115, after a spirited campaign.



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MARCH 8. Articles for the incorporation of the Milford, Franklin & Providence Railroad Co. drawn up and signed.

APRIL 3. Milford fire department summoned to Hopkinton, where fire destroyed property on Main street valued over \$350,000, including Town House building, Post Office building, Congregational Church and residences.

APRIL 7. Johnson, Rust & Co., boot and shoe manufacturers built a wing sixty-five feet long by thirty feet wide to their factory.

MAY 2. Milford pink granite from the Felton quarry in Rocky Woods is being furnished for the Albany, N. Y., City Hall.

MAY 5. The Milford Gazette, an eight-page, weekly newspaper, was established by G. M. Billings and Charles A. King.

MAY 10. Milford citizens subscribed \$15,000 for a shoe manufactory for Shippee & Jones, to be built on the Daniels lot on Central street, five stories high, 203 feet long and 32 feet wide.

JUNE 18. Gov. John D. Long addressed the graduation class of 1882, High school.

JUNE 21. Milford Water Co. announced rates for water users, \$6 per year for first faucet; \$2 for second; toilet and bath, \$3 each; lawn hose \$4 and \$5.

JULY 2. Assessors' returns show number of polls, 2,458; personal estate, \$1,318,436; real estate, \$3,772,913; total valuation, \$5,091,349. There were 68 new buildings and additions erected, increasing the valuation \$93,680. Tax rate, \$14.

AUGUST 2. Sewall B. Holbrook given credit for being the youngest veteran soldier in the state, if not in New England. He enlisted in Co. B, 17th Mass. regiment, a few months before he was 14.

SEPTEMBER 4. William E. Hatch of Branford, Conn., appointed superintendent of schools at \$1,500 per year.

SEPTEMBER 15. I. R. Spaulding with Charles Mills, Jr., of New York, leased the George L. Thayer boot shop on Central street, for the manufacture of straw goods.

SEPTEMBER 16. Construction commenced on new road to Hopedale via Water street.



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SEPTEMBER 18. Milford Water Co. commenced extending its water mains to Hopedale.

NOVEMBER 6. Thomas J. Hall of Upton, and David M. Richardson of Mendon, both Democrats, were elected Representatives, the district comprising the towns of Milford, Mendon and Upton.

George W. Johnson, Republican, of Milford, was re-elected State Senator.

NOVEMBER 7. Washington Engine Co. after 39 years of fire fighting disbanded.

NOVEMBER 15. Richard Carroll, pioneer granite manufacturer, former selectman and prominent citizen, died, aged 66 years, 9 months and 13 days.

NOVEMBER 20. Horace B. Hero died, aged 66 years, 11 months and 11 days. Was prominent in civic affairs, a former Selectman and Representative.

NOVEMBER 22. The telephone company started all-night service.

DECEMBER 6. Maj. A. W. Keene appointed deputy warden of the Concord state prison.

DECEMBER 19. Milford fife and drum corps organized with Gilbert Pond, leader.

DECEMBER 24. The fire engineers purchased two new one-horse hose carriages, costing \$650 each.

Through popular subscription the Milford Brass Band was reorganized. Thomas W. Keane was chosen leader.

DECEMBER 26. Milford Board of Trade organized with these officers: Directors, Gen. W. F. Draper, C. F. Claflin, A. A. Taft, E. L. Wires, G. W. Johnson, J. P. Daniels, H. C. Scott, E. C. Claflin, T. C. Eastman; board of arbitration, G. M. Greene, B. E. Harris, F. J. Dutcher, J. B. Bancroft and H. E. Morgan. The secretary was George G. Cook and the treasurer, J. B. Bancroft. Mr. Cook was the only survivor when this book was published.



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1883.

JANUARY 1. George W. Johnson presents \$100 to Milford Public Library for the purchase of non-sectarian books.

JANUARY 6. Five Milford cigar manufacturers made 1,251,300 cigars during 1882. The first cigars were manufactured in Milford, September 8, 1866, by William B. Hale and J. N. Lewis.

JANUARY 8. Greene Bros., heel manufacturers, report sales for 1882, \$150,000.

JANUARY 9. The school committee expended \$23,088.66 during 1882. The selectmen reported expenditures of \$95,040.32.

JANUARY 22. Rev. Henry Ward Beecher, noted lecturer, addressed a large audience in Music Hall under auspices of the Quidnunc club.

MARCH 6. George Draper of Hopedale leased the Hopkinton railroad until the auction sale to be held July 23. The road is to be run in connection with the new line to Franklin with through trains from Ashland to Boston and Providence via Milford.

MARCH 8. At annual town meeting there was only one ticket in the field and Isaac N. Crosby, Philip A. Gleason and Joseph B. Bancroft were elected selectmen. The vote on the liquor question was: Yes, 600; no, 321. \$71,575 was appropriated to defray Town expenses for 1883. The check list contained the names of 1,999 male and 103 female voters, the largest in the town's history.

MARCH 10. Death of Mrs. Augusta Porter Woodbury, aged 80. She was the widow of Rev. J. T. Woodbury, former pastor of Congregational Church.

MARCH 28. A Camp of the Sons of Veterans formed in Milford, known as Camp William H. H. Johnson, No. 19.

APRIL 11. Henry C. Snell appointed deputy sheriff.

MAY 21. Frank K. Foster of Boston addressed workmen on benefits of Knights of Labor order and through his efforts a branch was formed.

MAY 24. The two new hose wagons were christened "Wide Awake Hose Co. No. 1" and "Washington Hose Co. No. 2." The motto on the former was "Veni, Vidi, Vici" and upon the latter "Faithful and Fearless."





Main Street Looking East from Fayette Street—1930.



Supple Square—Statue of Doughboy—New Church of Sacred Heart of Jesus in rear at left—1930.





Philip Callery Square—Thom's Block at Left—Hook and Ladder House at Right—Memorial Hall in Background—1930.



Music Hall Block, erected 1881.



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JUNE 17. Mr. and Mrs. John Claflin celebrated golden wedding anniversary in Odd Fellows hall.

JUNE 24. Buildings between the Hopkinton railroad crossing and Pond street burned, causing a loss of \$12,000, among them the old Hunt house, a historic landmark, where the first postoffice was located.

JULY 10. The tax rate for 1883 was \$15. There were 2,543 assessed polls; total valuation, \$5,199,373.

JULY 28. The new railroad from Milford to Franklin was opened for passenger service.

SEPTEMBER 13. Fire at Greene Bros.' heel manufactory caused a loss of \$33,000. The 200 employees of the concern were at work, but all escaped.

NOVEMBER 7. James F. Stratton, Democrat and Daniel Reed, Independent-Butler candidate, both of Milford, elected representatives to the Legislature.

NOVEMBER 7. At adjourned town meeting it was voted to build Memorial Hall on the vacant lot owned by the town at the corner of School and Spruce streets. The town also voted to increase the pay of the firemen from \$15 to \$30 per year.

NOVEMBER 10. Gen. W. F. Draper presented the town library with \$100 for the purchase of books pertaining to mechanical trades.

NOVEMBER 18. Milford Gaslight Co. reduces the price of gas from \$3 to \$2.50 per 1,000 feet.

DECEMBER 10. The Independent Hose Co. met with the fire engineers and was taken into the fire department as a regular company. It was named "William C. Gillman Hose Co. No. 4" in honor of Mr. Gillman, a former fire engineer.

DECEMBER 30. Death of Hannah (Brown) Draper, wife of George Draper, aged 65 years, 11 months and 29 days. She was the mother of Gen. W. F., George A. and Hon. Eben S. Draper, Mrs. E. L. Osgood and Mrs. Charles H. Colburn.

The five cigar manufactories report making and selling 1,702,300 cigars in 1883.



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During 1883, 476 criminal cases were disposed of in Milford district court.

1884.

JANUARY 16. Strike of shoe lasters at Jones & Shippee's and Colburn, Fuller & Co.'s plants.

JANUARY 20. The total cost for schools for 1883 was \$23,264.43.

MARCH 4. O'Donovan Rossa, famous Irish orator and patriot, guest of Emmett Associates.

MARCH 8. Voters at annual town meeting elected J. B. Bancroft, P. A. Gleason and R. E. Foster, selectmen. License vote: Yes, 770; no, 307. The appropriations totalled \$76,350.

MARCH 10. At adjourned town meeting \$22,000 was voted for Memorial Hall building. Committee for the building: Gen. William F. Draper, G. W. Johnson, P. A. Gleason, Fred Swazey, T. C. Eastman, James F. Stratton, E. L. Wires, George Draper, Patrick Lynch and John P. Daniels.

MARCH 10. Milford granite from the Felton quarry will be used for the new railroad station at South Framingham.

MARCH 17. Mead, Mason & Co., Concord, awarded the contract to build Memorial Hall building for \$20,070. James Bergin of Milford bid \$21,000.

APRIL 6. Boston parties, headed by Dr. Rae, interested in the supposed gold mines in North Milford, formed a company.

APRIL 8. There were \$910,585.54 on deposit in Milford Savings Bank.

APRIL 30. The first stone of Memorial Hall is laid.

MAY 5. Henry E. Fales, Esq., appointed by selectmen as first town solicitor.

MAY 16. George Draper, who bought the railroad from Milford to Ashland, July 23, 1883, sold it to the Milford & Woonsocket Railroad Co., through legislative act.



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MAY 30. Death of Hon. George W. Johnson, aged 51 years, 7 months and 4 days. Was former state senator and prominent manufacturer.

MAY 31. Corner stone of Memorial Hall building laid, one of the great events in the history of Milford. Grand Master A. H. Howland of New Bedford, assisted by grand officers of the A. F. & A. M., and also local officers of the Masonic fraternity and Commander George L. Maynard of the G. A. R., officiated. Over 1,000 men were in the parade.

JULY 2. The first registrars of voters appointed in Milford by the selectmen, under the new law were Patrick H. Curran, for three years; Henry C. Scott, for two years, and Jesse A. Taft, for one year and Town Clerk, Lewis Hayden, the fourth member.

JULY 16. Assessors' statistics for the year: Polls, 2,580; personal property, \$1,360,370; real estate, \$3,869,515; total valuation, \$5,229,885; total number of dwelling houses, 1,620; tax rate, \$17.

JULY 18. There are 172 pupils in the High school, 83 boys and 89 girls.

AUGUST 15. Thomas F. Teeling won the New England light-weight wrestling championship.

SEPTEMBER 1. At a special town meeting voters appropriated \$300 for use of the committee investigating a sewerage system for Milford. Mr. Bowditch was selected as engineer.

OCTOBER 16. Rev. and Mrs. George W. Stacy observed golden wedding anniversary.

OCTOBER 22. Norcross Bros., granite manufacturers, received the contract for building the Alleghany courthouse and jail at Pittsburg, Pa., for \$2,500,000. The granite is to be taken from the Felton quarry in Braggville.

NOVEMBER 4. Presidential vote of Milford: Cleveland, 727, Blaine, 782, and Butler, 204. Arthur F. Whitin of Whitinsville, was elected State Senator and James F. Stratton and H. J. Bailey, both of Milford, elected representatives.

NOVEMBER 21. The new railroad is selling round trip tickets to Boston by way of Franklin for \$1.00.



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DECEMBER 30. The school committee at final meeting of year reported 1,505 pupils enrolled in day schools and about 55 in night school.

1885.

JANUARY 7. Town Clerk Hayden reports 83 marriages, 108 births, and 179 deaths for 1884. B. H. Montague, janitor of the lockup, reports housing 635 persons, 231 of whom were tramps.

JANUARY 22. Death of Hannah B., wife of Gen. Orison Underwood, aged 80 years, 11 months and 22 days. She was born and always lived in Milford and was a descendant in the fifth generation of William Cheney, one of Milford's original settlers.

FEBRUARY 25. Registrars of voters report names of 56 women on voting list.

FEBRUARY 27. An "Old Folks' Reunion" was held in Washington Hall, at which 200 couples were present. There were forty people over 70 years old and the oldest person was Joshua Gardner, aged 86. Aaron Claflin and his grand-daughter, Miss Essie C. Thayer, led the grand march.

FEBRUARY 28. Capt. Henry J. Bailey of Co. M militia, resigned after several years' service. Lieut. Horace E. Whitney was elected to fill vacancy.

FEBRUARY 28. The first issue of the Milford Times, a weekly newspaper, published, J. P. Gallagher, editor.

MARCH 2. These selectmen were elected at annual town meeting: J. B. Bancroft, Patrick H. Curran and H. A. Clark. The license vote was: Yes, 579; no, 255.

MARCH 4. Town Clerk Lewis Hayden announced that in 1884 there were 62 licenses issued to sell intoxicating liquors. The fees were \$6,800. Town Treasurer Claflin reported principal town expenses for 1884 as: Highways, \$9,322.67; incidentals, \$6,418.77; street lights, \$2,955.10; water, \$3,181.25; pay of members of fire department, \$4,600; Memorial Hall, \$12,462.96; schools, \$31,882.13; poor department, \$12,000.

Milford's county tax is \$4,333, the largest of any town in the county.



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MAY 6. Milford Granite Co. is formed. Charles W. Carroll is superintendent.

MAY 13. Peter Ross and Patrick Connolly discovered valuable pink granite in Rocky Woods.

JUNE 8. Nipmuc Council, Royal Arcanum, was organized with thirty-five charter members in Grand Army Hall. A. R. Jones was elected regent.

JUNE 22. George Draper writes an open letter, published in the Journal, stating that he is to petition the Legislature to have Hopedale set off as a separate town.

JUNE 24. There were over 300 men working at the Norcross Bros.' quarry.

JULY 15. The valuation for the town of Milford in 1885 was: Real estate, \$3,890,176; personal property, \$1,370,928; number of polls, 2,507; rate of taxation, \$15.50.

AUGUST 4. W. T. Leonard, principal of the Fall River high school, was elected Superintendent of Schools at a salary of \$1,500. Archie L. Hodges of Taunton, was elected sub-master of the High School at a salary of \$700.

AUGUST 8. Memorial services for ex-President Gen. Ulysses S. Grant were held on the town park.

AUGUST 12. Norcross Bros. threaten to discontinue their granite quarry business here, owing to discriminating freight rates and the influence of too many saloons on East Main Street. Their pay roll was over \$1,000 daily.

AUGUST 17. George A. Draper, Z. C. Field and A. J. Sumner were chosen as a committee to interview Norcross Bros. concerning the report of leaving Milford. The principal reason was the indiscriminate sale of liquor in the vicinity of the quarry. If this trouble was remedied they would consider remaining here.

SEPTEMBER 9. A move was made toward establishing a local company for electric lighting.

SEPTEMBER 14-15. Universalist Church Centennial exercises. The Church was beautifully decorated. Large audiences attended and there were many prominent speakers.



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SEPTEMBER 16. The Catholic Literary and Debating Society is organized and officers chosen.

OCTOBER 3. The first special delivery postoffice letter was received in Milford by Henry E. Rockwood.

OCTOBER 7. The State census gives Milford's population as 9,343.

OCTOBER 17. At a public meeting of Hopedale voters in Social Hall, on the question of dividing Hopedale from Milford, the sentiment was in favor of division. George Draper was chairman and Frank J. Dutcher, secretary. Delano Patrick of Hopedale opposed the division.

OCTOBER 21. Milford Electric Light Co. formed and Milford is to have electric lighting. Poles and wires have arrived, a new boiler bought and carpenters are at work on the building on Central street.

OCTOBER 28. Through the efforts of Charles F. Claflin, G. M. Greene and Charles W. Shippee, the James W. Tucker & Co., shoe manufactory of Wellesley, is to remove to Milford. Milford men bought land at the corner of Depot and Central streets for the building which is to be five stories high, have a frontage of 205 feet on Depot street and 35 feet on Central street.

NOVEMBER 3. At state election James F. Stratton, Democrat, was elected Representative for the third consecutive year. Henry E. Fales, another Milford Democrat, was also elected. They defeated Henry J. Bailey and Augustus Wheeler, the two Republican nominees.

NOVEMBER 11. The combined investment by Milford citizens in the Tucker shoe shop and Electric Light Co. enterprises totalled \$50,000. George Draper headed the list with \$3,000 and Aaron and C. F. Claflin gave \$1,500 each.

NOVEMBER 11. Lighting by electricity for the first time in Milford tonight. The first five arc street lights were at the corner of Main and Congress streets; corner of Main and Exchange streets; Lincoln Square, and one each at the Town House and the electric light building. Seven business men also began the use of electric lighting.



## *Milford Events for Fifty Years.*

NOVEMBER 12. Horace B. Claflin, aged 74, a native of Milford, died at his country residence in Fordham, N. Y. He was a very successful merchant and a member of the noted Claflin family, prominent in Milford's early history.

DECEMBER 1. George Draper, chairman of Memorial Hall committee, officially notified the Selectmen of the completion of the building.

DECEMBER 15. Mead, Mason & Co. of Boston, awarded the contract to build the new Tucker shoe shop for \$26,700.

DECEMBER 21. At a special town meeting it was voted to lease Memorial Hall building to the Grand Army, town library and school committee, at the option of the Selectmen, with the provision that the lower floor be reserved for the library and school committee. The entire account showed disbursements of \$21,996.61 for the building.

During 1885 there were nineteen fire alarms sounded for fires in Milford, only four of which were serious. There were 85 marriages and 211 deaths the same year.

## 1886.

JANUARY 4. The Selectmen leased Memorial Hall building to Post 22, G. A. R., for \$1, the Post to pay for janitor and lighting.

JANUARY 4. The Milford Savings Bank statement shows assets of \$1,027,835.05.

JANUARY 5. The members of Excelsior Hook & Ladder Co. tendered their resignations to the Engineers of Fire Department to take effect February 1. The reason assigned was the refusal of the engineers to pay any member who worked or resided out of Milford and their consequent discharge of one member for living and working in Medway. A volunteer company was organized.

JANUARY 6. The State Commission, in its report, advocates that Milford appropriate \$40,000 for a sewerage system.

JANUARY 8. Severe snowstorm and gale continuing for two days, tied up railroads for several hours. Only one stage, the one to Hopedale, succeeded in getting through the snowdrifts.



### *Milford Events for Fifty Years.*

JANUARY 27. Milford women who canvassed for funds to enable Post 22 to furnish Memorial Hall, report \$800 subscribed.

JANUARY 27-29. Hearing on the division of Hopedale and Milford at the State House in Boston before the Legislative Committee on towns and cities. Atty. Myrick represented Hopedale and Atty. Benton, Milford. The entire days were taken up by the petitioners and adjournment was made until February 1. On that date the petitioners closed their case and previous to it the remonstrants were heard. George Draper, Gen. W. F. Draper and Rev. Adin Ballou were the principal speakers for the petitioners. For the remonstrants and just before the close of the hearing they were to hear from Z. C. Field, Hon. C. A. Dewey, Delano Patrick and Lewis R. Gaskill. On the following day Hon. Joseph Bennett argued for the remonstrants at the opening of the session and Messers Field, Gaskill and Dewey were heard. Adjournment was then had to February 4.

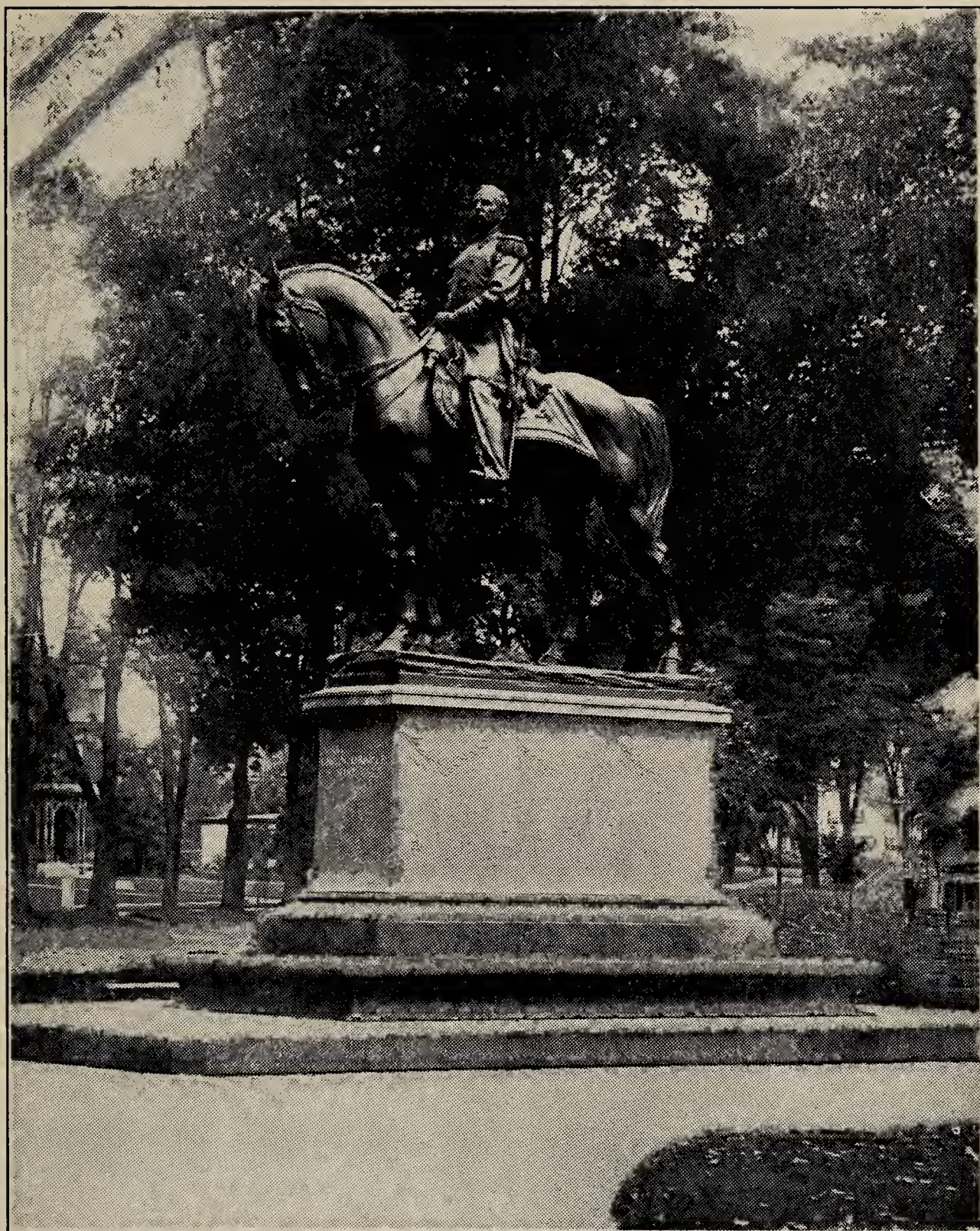
At resumption of hearing, Elias Whitney, M. P. Callanan, James Powers, Amariah A. Taft, Dr. George P. Cooke, J. Allen Rice, Patrick Lynch, B. E. Harris, Henry C. Scott, Charles F. Claflin, Samuel Pilling and Augustus Wheeler were heard and adjournment was made until the following day. G. F. Birch, A. C. Withington, P. H. Curran, G. H. Whittemore, D. J. Cronan, L. A. Cook, Asaph Withington, J. L. Smith, R. C. Hill, G. M. Greene and J. F. Stratton were also heard.

The hearing closed with rebuttal testimony by James B. Smith, Frank J. Dutcher, George Draper and Gen. W. F. Draper. On February 16 Attorneys Benton and Bowman made their arguments before the committee, the former for the remonstrants and Atty. Bowman for the petitioners.

FEBRUARY 13. Milford visited by heavy rainstorm. Cedar Swamp Pond overflowed its banks, and water covered Main street from the railroad crossing to Pond street. Washouts on the Hopkinton railroad allowed no trains to be run from Saturday until Monday. On the Boston & Albany railroad trains were delayed for hours by washouts.

FEBRUARY 17. It cost \$148,447.81 to run the town's various departments in 1885.





Statue of Gen. William F. Draper—1912.





Grant Building, corner Main and South Bow Streets, built in 1874.



Home of John Claffin, corner of Main and South Bow Streets,  
where Grant Building now stands.



*Milford Events for Fifty Years.*

FEBRUARY 18. The fire engineers at an expense of \$100 have placed a steam whistle on the electric light building to sound fire alarms.

FEBRUARY 27. The formal dedication of Memorial Hall building under direction of the Grand Army Post took place.

MARCH 1. P. H. Curran, Alonzo A. Cook and Henry A. Adair were elected Selectmen. It was voted for the first time to install ten electric arc lights at a cost of \$140 per light per year. The town also voted to pay its laborers \$2 per day and also pay its police force.

MARCH 9. Deacon and Mrs. D. B. Rockwood celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

MARCH 15. In the State Senate the vote on reconsidering the engrossment of the bill making Hopedale a town a tie vote resulted 13 to 13, President Pillsbury making it a tie by voting for the separation.

MARCH 24. The House ordered the Hopedale separation bill to a third reading, 118 to 92 and then engrossed it 116 to 78. Representatives Stratton and Fales fought against the bill and fully 300 from Milford were at the State House when the voting took place. On April 3 the Senate enacted the bill, 18 to 16. When the separation became complete the Milford school committee decided to charge the Hopedale pupils in the Milford High School \$1 per week for tuition.

MARCH 30. Patrick H. Curran declined the position as road master and the Selectmen appointed Ralph C. Hill.

MARCH 30. John H. Stratton chosen as Postmaster of Milford. He succeeded Mrs. E. M. Pond, who has been connected with the office as assistant and postmistress since 1867.

APRIL 1. An agreement was reached between the striking stonecutters and Norcross Bros., whereby nine hours was to constitute a day's work and \$2.75 the wages.

APRIL 23. Oghneta Tribe, I. O. R. M., closed its charter with twenty-three on its roster.

APRIL 24. Agitation started by Milford Business Men's Association, Churches, societies and others for the Selectmen to cut down the number of liquor license holders.



*Milford Events for Fifty Years.*

MAY 1. The wages of journeymen painters were fixed at \$2.50 per day for a nine-hour day.

MAY 18. The Women's Relief Corps was formed in Memorial Hall by Mrs. Sarah E. Fuller of East Boston, National President. About fifty women were present and Mrs. H. J. Bailey was elected President.

MAY 23. Birth of Amelia Tonoli, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pietro Tonoli, the first child of Italian-speaking residents to be born in Milford. She is now (1930) the wife of Frank Lamborghini, 42 East Walnut street.

MAY 26. The new Tucker shoe factory opened with substantially all departments working. About 400 were employed.

William B. Hale has purchased the Fay estate on Main street and will build a modern hotel. The site cost \$15,000.

Charles F. Quiggle and A. S. Trowbridge commenced the manufacture of shoes under the name of C. F. Quiggle & Co., giving Milford another industry.

Milford's tax rate is \$15 and the amount to be raised, \$73,999.

JUNE 14. St. Mary's Parochial High School, taught by Sisters of Notre Dame, held its first commencement exercises.

JULY 16. The Milford Electric Light & Power Co., organized under its charter and elected officers. G. M. Greene was the first president.

Milford Water Co. bought land at corner of Congress and Fountain streets for \$1,500 for standpipe location.

NOVEMBER 2. James Lally and Henry E. Fales, Democrats, both of Milford, were elected Representatives in the new Eleventh Worcester Representative District, comprising the towns of Mendon, Hopedale, Blackstone and Milford.

DECEMBER 11. Meeting of Selectmen of Milford and Hopedale in Milford Town Hall to divide the assets and liabilities of Milford, as of April 6, 1886. The matter will be referred for settlement to three commissioners appointed by the Superior Court of Worcester County. Chairman E. D. Bancroft of Hopedale Selectmen, demanded this procedure.



*Milford Events for Fifty Years.*

DECEMBER 13. Thomas H. Coyne appointed messenger at the State House.

DECEMBER 27. Norcross Bros. awarded the contract to furnish the granite for the new Chamber of Commerce building at Cincinnati, Ohio, for \$600,000.

1887.

JANUARY 3. Milford vital statistics for 1886 were: Marriages, 91; births, 147; deaths, 135.

JANUARY 25. Bay State Lodge, K. of P., formed a uniformed rank of the order with Jesse A. Locke as Sir Knight Commander.

FEBRUARY 9. St. Mary's Church conducting a fair to secure funds to build a tower 100 feet high and 24 feet square at the east entrance to the Church.

FEBRUARY 17. Preliminary steps taken to form a Co-operative bank for Milford at a meeting in Hibernian Hall. Dr. George P. Cooke, presided and Atty. H. E. Fales was appointed to have charge of the legal matters.

FEBRUARY 19. Milford Water Co. asks Legislative Committee for permission to increase its capital stock to \$200,000.

FEBRUARY 26. Judge Staples of Superior Court appointed William N. Clark of Worcester, Simeon Borden of Fall River and Augustus B. Endicott of Dedham, commissioners in the Milford-Hopedale separation matter.

MARCH 7. M. W. Edwards, H. C. Scott and Charles H. Walker elected Selectmen. License vote: Yes, 636; no, 387. Appropriations totalled \$66,725.

MARCH 29. Quarrymen at Norcross Bros.' quarry, went on strike for a 53-hour week and same pay as they were receiving for 54 hours.

MARCH 31. Milford Co-operative Bank incorporated.

APRIL 14. Death of Selectman H. C. Scott, aged 53 years, 7 months and 9 days.



*Milford Events for Fifty Years.*

MAY 2. At special town meeting it was voted 400 to 11, not to buy the Milford water works.

Perley P. Field was elected Selectman to succeed H. C. Scott, deceased, and the Selectmen were empowered to engage Engineer E. W. Bowditch to install a sewerage system.

MAY 3. Milford milkmen organized with Chester L. Clark, President. It was voted to charge six cents a quart for milk.

MAY 6. Golden anniversary of the Universalist Sunday school being observed. Exercises continued three days.

MAY 10. Death of Patrick McGarry, an Assessor since 1876 and chairman of the board.

MAY 17. Death of Bainbridge Hayward, Milford's Representative to the Legislature, 1869-1870, former boot manufacturer and resident for 50 years, aged 75.

MAY 18. The strike of quarrymen at Norcross Bros., settled. The strikers won their demands for a 53-hour week. They are to receive \$1.80 a day.

MAY 29. Rev. Charles Wetherby, aged 55, pastor of Congregational Church, died suddenly of heart trouble, at Nashua, N. H. He had been pastor here for three years.

MAY 30. Voters at special town meeting elected A. J. Sumner Assessor to succeed the late Patrick McGarry.

MAY 30. Women's Relief Corps for the first time, assisted the Grand Army in the observance of Memorial Day.

JUNE 7. George Draper, leading founder of the Draper Co., died at the United States Hotel, Boston, aged 70 years. His funeral, June 10, was attended by United States Senator George F. Hoar, and many other prominent men of the state and nation.

JULY 11. The school committee elected Samuel F. Blodgett as superintendent of schools, at a salary of \$1,500.

JULY 13. Milford's new hotel, The Willian, was opened to the public for inspection.

JULY 13. A new well was installed by the Milford Water Co., at the station, said to hold about 400,000 gallons of water. This made three wells with total capacity of 900,000 gallons.



*Milford Events for Fifty Years.*

JULY 22. An agreement of settlement of all differences arising between Milford and Hopedale because of the incorporation of the latter, April 7, 1886, was presented to the special commissioners.

JULY 26. W. B. Hale, owner of Hotel Willian building, was tendered a banquet by 100 of the leading citizens of Milford.

AUGUST 4. Death of Oliver M. Adams, aged 65 years, 7 months, 8 days. He was Assessor in 1883-4-5.

AUGUST 15. The school committee voted to open the Silver Hill school. Miss A. O. Cheney was elected teacher.

AUGUST 23. The Board of Fire Engineers divided the town into seven fire districts, and established a system of signals.

AUGUST 24. The first electric motor of the Electric Light and Power Company was started in the Daily News office in Thayer Block.

SEPTEMBER 1. The Milford Daily News was established by Dr. Thomas H. Mann and W. D. Leahy. The plant and office were located in Thayer block.

SEPTEMBER 3. Representatives from Milford, Hopkinton, Woodland Park and the Ashlands met at Hotel Willian and organized a base ball league.

SEPTEMBER 6. A \$10,000 fire destroyed H. A. Barney's offices, coal sheds and other buildings on Depot street.

SEPTEMBER 23. Excelsior Hook and Ladder Company broke the world's record at truck racing and made a new one of 61 1-5 seconds at Worcester fair grounds.

OCTOBER 8. American Court of Foresters was instituted here with 15 charter members.

OCTOBER 12. There were 1,357 names on the voting list.

OCTOBER 18. Death of Rev. H. A. Spencer, pastor of the Baptist Church, at his home, aged 38 years and 8 months.

OCTOBER 21. Winona Council, Daughters of Pocahontas, was instituted.

NOVEMBER 8. James Lally of Milford and James McCooey of Blackstone, were elected Representatives at the State election. James F. Stratton of Milford, was defeated for State Senator.



*Milford Events for Fifty Years.*

NOVEMBER 30. During the first year of business, Tucker & Co., made \$1,100,000 worth of footwear, over 40,000 cases of goods. The weekly payroll is \$4,000.

DECEMBER 7. James H. Barker of Milford was elected County Commissioner.

DECEMBER 16. Principal H. W. Lull received a letter of acknowledgment from John G. Whittier, the poet, which was framed and hung on the school walls. The Class of '88 had sent a token to Mr. Whittier on December 7.

DECEMBER 21. The Rhode Island & Massachusetts railroad is leased to the N. Y. & N. E. for 100 years.

1888.

JANUARY 4. In 1887, there were 2,216,525 cigars made in Milford.

JANUARY 14. Death of Gen. A. B. Underwood at his residence in Newton, aged 60 years, 9 months. He was born in Milford, May 19, 1828. He was prominent in Boston and the State and was orator at our centennial.

JANUARY 23. Death of John Madden, who was for many years a constable and overseer of the poor, aged 58 years, 10 months, 13 days.

JANUARY 25. Excelsior Hook and Ladder Company holds the oldest charter of any fire company in New England, dated 1828, and signed by Gov. Lincoln.

FEBRUARY 8. Representative Lally offered an order in the House for the appointment of a clerk for the Milford District Court, and another as to changing the law for the compensation of Assessors.

FEBRUARY 10. David L. Day, a member of Post 22, a Corporal in the 25th Massachusetts regiment in the Civil war, was burned to death. He was 66 years old.

FEBRUARY 15. The total amount expended by the Overseers of the Poor last year, exceeded \$12,000.



*Milford Events for Fifty Years.*

FEBRUARY 15. School statistics show forty-two teachers employed at a cost of \$14,669.55. There were 1,613 pupils registered.

FEBRUARY 29. Norcross Bros. have been awarded the contract for building the new union passenger station at Hartford, for \$199,000.

MARCH 5. P. P. Field, M. W. Edwards, and C. H. Walker are elected Selectmen.

MARCH 11. Death of Milford's oldest resident, Luther Crossman, aged 91 years, 8 months, 13 days.

APRIL 4. New England Methodist Conference began today in Milford and lasted a week. About 140 laymen and 230 clergymen are present. This is the only time the conference was ever held here.

APRIL 11. Milford's first highway surveyor was John D. Shippee of Holliston, at \$90 per month.

APRIL 27. Death of Benjamin Davenport Godfrey in West Newton. He was born in Milford and for several years before the war was engaged in the boot business here. He was 75 years, 3 months and 8 days old.

MAY 5. Death of Oliver B. Parkhurst, one of Milford's oldest inhabitants, at the age of 81 years, 9 months and 18 days. At one time he served as Assessor and Overseer of the Poor.

MAY 29. Joseph P. Gallagher, editor of the Milford Times, recently appointed U. S. Deputy Marshal, was tendered a complimentary banquet.

JUNE 13. Norcross Bros. received the contract to build the new Boston & Albany union depot at Springfield. It will be built of Milford Granite, at a cost of over \$500,000.

JUNE 30. The Excelsior Hook and Ladder company of Milford, are still the champions of the world for Hook and Ladder races. They defeated the whole field at Beacon Park, Boston, by making a new world's record of 1 minute and 1/2 second.

JULY 26. Milford Branch, No. 50, of the British American Society, formed.

AUGUST 11. The front of Memorial Hall was draped with festoons of black and white in memory of Gen. Sheridan.



*Milford Events for Fifty Years.*

AUGUST 12. Death of Andrew F. Plympton, aged 59 years, 5 months, 4 days; a member of Post 22 and served in the Civil war in the 6th Massachusetts Battery.

SEPTEMBER 1. Home-coming reception tendered to Gen. W. F. Draper by the citizens of Milford and Hopedale in Milford Town Hall.

SEPTEMBER 11. The Christian Endeavor Society of the Congregational Church was started with a membership of about 30.

SEPTEMBER 12. Milford High School pupils number 148.

SEPTEMBER 26. Norma Lodge, Daughters of Rebekah, instituted.

SEPTEMBER 28. Death of Elias Whitney, aged 76 years, 7 months, 21 days. He served over 20 years in the supervision of the poor of Milford. He was a member of the Montgomery Lodge of Masons and Milford Mutual Relief.

OCTOBER 2. Women's Auxiliary of Y. M. C. A. organized.

OCTOBER 4. Death of Thomas C. Eastman, aged 52 years, 8 months, 28 days. He was the founder of the Eastman box business.

OCTOBER 5. Death of Major James H. Barker, aged 70 years, 2 months. He has been Postmaster, County Commissioner, Selectman, Assessor and member of State Police.

OCTOBER 17. The new Grafton & Upton railway to be run from the present railroad grounds in Milford, through Hopedale to North Grafton.

OCTOBER 22. Milford Daily Journal's first issue appeared today.

NOVEMBER 5. The Milford vote for President was: Cleveland, 876; Harrison, 760; for Governor: W. E. Russell, 886; Oliver Ames, 744. James Lally, Jr., of Milford, and Thomas McCooey of Blackstone, were elected Representatives for the district.

DECEMBER 27. This marks the last year of low cost liquor licenses. This year there were 62 licenses granted, including six for druggists, for which \$7,616.50 was paid into the town treasury.





Bank Block erected in 1871.



Old Irving Block, corner Main and Exchange Streets.





Noted old Hotel, built about 1850, now site of State Theatre.  
First Tavern built on this site was about 1805.



Lincoln House as it appeared in 1880.



*Milford Events for Fifty Years.*

1889.

JANUARY 9. J. P. Daniels starts his 28th consecutive term as treasurer of the Milford Fire Insurance Company. It was also his 37th term as director.

MARCH 4. Charles F. Claflin, E. L. Wires and A. A. Taft, elected Selectmen.

MARCH 10. Daniel Reed of Milford, is the oldest engineer in service on the Boston & Albany railroad.

APRIL 8. Selectmen voted to grant liquor licenses for the coming year, establishing new "high license" fees. There are to be ten licenses granted exclusive of druggists.

APRIL 20. Death of Joshua Sawyer, one of Milford's oldest manufacturers, dies at the age of 76 years.

APRIL 24. Milford was the first town in New England to use the "Compensator System of Incandescent Lighting," an invention of the Thompson-Houston Company.

MAY 4. \$179,000 of the proposed \$200,000 capital for the New Milford Shoe Company has been subscribed.

MAY 16. Formal organization of the Milford Shoe Company with E. L. Wires, president; W. W. Jenckes, treasurer, and Charles W. Shippee, manager.

MAY 22. The total weight of St. Mary's tower will be about 3,000 tons.

JUNE 3. The Milford Pink Granite Co. received the contract for the completion of the Boston Public Library, for \$873,500.

JUNE 11. George G. Cook becomes postmaster.

JUNE 26. The fare on the Grafton & Upton railroad will be three cents per mile, or 45 cents from Milford to Grafton.

JUNE 26. Milford Shoe Company starts the manufacture of shoes.

JULY 6. Death of Clark Ellis, aged 63 years, 6 months, 13 days.

SEPTEMBER 9. There were 2,118 tons of stone shipped over the B. & A. during August.



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OCTOBER 7. Postmaster G. G. Cook gave notice that the post-office would not be opened on Sundays until further notice.

NOVEMBER 3. Incendiary attempt to burn the Milford Methodist Church.

NOVEMBER 27. Golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Harrington at their home on Bow street.

DECEMBER 19. Milford Fire Department receives a letter of gratitude from the Board of Fire Commissions of Boston for their aid on Thanksgiving Day in fighting a big fire.

DECEMBER 27. Selectmen issued ten liquor licenses, exclusive of druggists, the revenue being \$10,707.

1890.

JANUARY 7. Death of Aaron Claflin in New York, at the age of 82 years, 8 months, 17 days. Spent early business life in Milford, in the manufacture of straw goods, boots and shoes. Prominent merchant in New York. Largest real estate owner in Milford.

JANUARY 8. There were 81 marriage intentions issued, 90 marriages recorded and 152 deaths in Milford in 1889.

JANUARY 8. There were only ten alarms for fire in Milford last year. There were 300 criminal cases in the Milford district court.

JANUARY 22. A Milford town document is in the hands of Town Clerk McLoughlin and is made historical by the autographed letter on the back of it by Abraham Lincoln.

FEBRUARY 5. James Powers, a well known town officer, appointed Deputy Sheriff.

FEBRUARY 26. Incorporation of Milford Excelsior Cement Company.

MARCH 3. E. L. Wires, A. A. Taft, and P. P. O'Donnell, elected Selectmen.

MARCH 18. One of Milford's greatest fires, which destroyed every building from the Union Block to the corner of Spruce Street on the west side of Main Street.



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MARCH 19. Over 600 hands are now employed by Milford Shoe Company.

APRIL 2. The new bell for St. Mary's tower weighs 5,000 pounds and was cast in Baltimore, Md.

APRIL 9. Nine-hour day goes into effect at Norcross Bros.' quarry. Milford is the first town in the country where the stone-cutters have this short work day.

APRIL 27. Dedication and blessing of new tower at St. Mary's Church.

MAY 17. Formal opening of the Grafton & Upton railroad between Milford and Grafton.

JUNE 19. Selectmen granted a franchise to the Milford & Hopedale Street Railway Co. to lay tracks, etc., provided it is completed by July 1, 1891. The line is to run on Main Street from the Hopedale line to the granite quarries; on School and Purchase Streets to the Junction of Purchase and Fountain Streets; on Cedar Street to the Pine Grove Cemetery, and also on Central Street.

JULY 9. Postmaster George G. Cook's efforts to secure free delivery of mail in Milford resulted in a letter from J. F. Bates, superintendent of Free Delivery at Washington, that an inspector would come to Milford and investigate.

JULY 23. The railroad commissioners gave the Milford & Hopedale Street Railway Co. the right to cross the New England Railroad Co.'s tracks on Central Street at grade.

JULY 24. Darling Bros., granite manufacturers, receive the contract for Rhode Island Trust Co. building at Providence, for \$100,000.

JULY 30. H. G. Wadlin, state census supervisor, gives Milford's population as 8,737 and that of Hopedale, 1,171.

AUGUST 5. Rev. Adin Ballou, aged 87 years, 3 months and 13 days, died in his home at Hopedale. He was historian for Milford, first coming here in 1824 as pastor of Milford Universalist Church and remaining as such until 1831. He was also founder of the Hopedale Community and a noted writer and authority on many subjects.



*Milford Events for Fifty Years.*

AUGUST 9. H. W. Lull, principal of High School, eleven years, resigned. On August 18, W. C. Whiting, principal of Webster High School, was elected to fill the vacancy.

AUGUST 18. Gamewell fire alarm boxes are being installed as is also a steam fire-alarm whistle at the Electric Light building.

AUGUST 20. Daniel J. Sprague, Milford's theatrical manager, puts own company, with band and orchestra, on the road.

AUGUST 27. President E. P. Usher of the Milford & Hopedale Street Railway Co., ordered six cars, each to cost \$6,000 for the railway. Ground for the building of the road was broken today. Electric storage battery system is to be used.

AUGUST 29. Memorial exercises for the noted patriot, John Boyle O'Reilly, held in Town Hall, preceded by a parade. Protestant and Catholic clergymen and prominent Milford citizens delivered addresses.

SEPTEMBER 1. Tax rate announced as \$17.

SEPTEMBER 8. Darling Bros., Worcester granite manufacturers, have taken over the Timothy Shea quarries on Cedar Street.

SEPTEMBER 9. Postmaster Cook reports that mail service will commence September 15 over the Grafton & Upton railroad, thereby discontinuing the carrying of mail by the stage coaches.

SEPTEMBER 9. A new car house for the Milford & Hopedale Street Railway Co., is being built at the corner of Central and East Streets. It will have 144½ feet frontage on Central Street and 138 on East Street.

SEPTEMBER 10. Passenger trains on the new Grafton & Upton railroad now leave from the New England depot.

SEPTEMBER 13. The soccer football team played its first game at North Grafton and were defeated, 5 to 0. The club was just organized through the efforts of Donald Tulloch, who had recently come from Scotland.

SEPTEMBER 15. Milford Water Co. increased household water rates to \$8 for first faucet and \$2 for second.

SEPTEMBER 17. Dillon Bros. were given the contract to build the new Raftery block on Main street.



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OCTOBER 22. A spur track was built on the Hopkinton railroad to the Darling Bros.' granite quarry on Cedar Street. The company reports several large contracts.

NOVEMBER 3. Leander Holbrook, one of Milford's oldest and best known lawyers, died, aged 76. He lived practically all his life in Milford and practiced law here since 1847.

NOVEMBER 4. At the State election, John T. McLoughlin, of Milford, and Michael Carroll of Blackstone, were elected Representatives. Dr. George P. Cooke, of Milford, was elected Senator.

NOVEMBER 12. B. H. Spaulding's straw manufactory, Pearl and Lincoln Streets, gutted by fire, entailing a loss of \$45,000. Help was secured from the Hopedale fire department.

NOVEMBER 17. Darling Bros. given the contract to furnish the granite for the Fall River passenger station of the Old Colony Railroad Co., for \$40,800.

DECEMBER 1. Claflin, Thayer & Co., shoe manufactory, discontinues business.

DECEMBER 3. Postmaster George G. Cook received assurance that free delivery of mail will be inaugurated in Milford, January 1. There will be four letter carriers—Thomas O. Nelson, Gilbert Bent, James C. McKenna and William H. Hartwell.

DECEMBER 12. George Draper Camp, 127, Sons of Veterans, instituted with Walter R. Nash captain.

1891.

JANUARY 19. Milford voters at special town meeting adopt the Australian ballot system of voting at town elections.

FEBRUARY 11. A Salvation Army Corps was established through the efforts of Edward E. Howe.

FEBRUARY 11. In the first month's carrying of mail in Milford the four letter carriers delivered and collected 42,742 pieces.

FEBRUARY 12. Milford stonecutters make demand for an increase from \$2.75 to \$3.00 per day for a 53-hour week. Like demands were made for the blacksmiths and that no man be discharged until the shed committee is consulted.



*Milford Events for Fifty Years.*

FEBRUARY 16. A "Good Government" political party was formed in Music Hall parlors to secure candidates for the various town offices.

FEBRUARY 18. Overseers of Poor report that \$3,400 was realized from the sale of produce at the almshouse.

FEBRUARY 19. Division 7, A. O. H., is equipped with uniforms and rank as "Hibernian Knights."

MARCH 2. In the first balloting with the Australian system, W. B. Hale, A. A. Taft and E. L. Wires, are elected Selectmen. At the business meeting it was voted to increase the pay of firemen from \$15 to \$20 per year.

MARCH 16. Unsuccessful attempt to destroy the De Witt block on Main Street by an incendiary. Oliver Holmes, a night patrolman, discovered the blaze and summoned fire department. Investigation showed portion of building kerosene soaked. Selectmen offered reward of \$200 for the arrest and conviction of firebug.

APRIL 2. The various granite manufacturers acceded to the demands of the stonecutters and blacksmiths for an increase in wages from \$2.75 to \$3.00 a day after the men were out on strike one day.

APRIL 6. Selectmen voted to grant licenses to sell intoxicating liquors and assessed innholders \$1,400, common victuallers and wholesalers, \$1,300, and druggists, \$1. They issued thirteen licenses later in addition to one druggist's license.

APRIL 10. Eben S. and George A. Draper send checks of \$100 to Milford Firemen's Relief Association for assistance at a fire by Milford fire apparatus on property owned by them in Hopedale.

APRIL 13. The first street car by electric-storage battery power, was run over the Milford & Hopedale system on Central and Main Streets with newspaper men and others as guests.

APRIL 14. Milford Baseball Association formed and H. D. Bowker was elected president.

APRIL 22. Town Solicitor J. H. Wood gives opinion to Selectmen that Milford cannot legally buy the Milford water works.



*Milford Events for Fifty Years.*

There is much agitation and Milford has a committee appointed with that end in view.

APRIL 29. At a special town meeting the Town voted not to purchase the Water Co. works, but contracted with the company for water for fire purposes and \$4,500 was appropriated.

APRIL 29. The Milford Shoe Co. reports their business in 1890 was \$800,000.

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MAY 1. Fire at the Buxton machine shop on South Bow Street did damage \$8,000.

MAY 13. Norcross Bros. have received a \$1,000,000 contract to furnish the granite for a ten-story building at Baltimore, Md.

MAY 18. Gen. W. F. Draper subscribed \$1,000 toward the \$10,000 necessary toward starting a new shoe manufactory in Milford.

MAY 27. Milford business men held a meeting to use their good offices to aid in settling the protracted strike of the quarrymen. On June 12 the controversy was finally settled by the strikers receiving 22 cents an hour.

JUNE 10. Norcross Bros. received contract to furnish the granite for the new W. C. T. U. building in Worcester for \$42,000.

JUNE 10. Milford Congregational Church celebrated its 150th anniversary with suitable exercises. Dr. John M. French delivered the address of welcome, Rev. Jacob Ide of Mansfield the salutation of sister Churches in the Mendon Conference and Rev. Webster Woodbury, the pastor, a review of the 150 years of the Church's history.

JUNE 20. Allie Parks, pitcher for the Milford baseball team pitched a no-hit, no-run game at Driving Park against Uxbridge, 5 to 0.

AUGUST 7. Miss Huldah Arnold, celebrated her 100th birthday anniversary at the home of Atty. G. B. Williams on Pearl Street, with whom she resided.

AUGUST 7. Death of James H. Putnam, aged 58 years, 2 months and 29 days. He was a former Selectman and School Committee member, an Assessor and also served in the State Legislature.



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AUGUST 14. Positive assurance that the Houghton, Coolidge & Co. shoe manufactory will remove to Milford from Ashland received by George P. Cooke of the committee. Milford citizens are raising funds for the building of a new factory, and machinery for the company.

AUGUST 29. The field day of the Catholic Churches and societies of Milford, Hopkinton, Natick, South Framingham, Ashland and Holliston, took place at Charles River Driving Park. It was estimated that 7,000 persons were present. M. W. Edwards was marshal of the parade.

SEPTEMBER 28. Death of Smith Cushman, Milford's oldest resident, aged 91.

OCTOBER 12. Milford citizens accepted the proposition of Clapp, Huckins & Temple, shoe manufacturers, to locate in Milford on land off Depot Street. Milford is to build, at a cost not exceeding \$20,000, a factory, four stories high, 250 feet by 40 feet, and a storehouse, 100 feet by 40 feet. The company agrees to entirely equip the factory at its own expense, pay all taxes, insurance and maintenance, to do an annual business of \$300,000.

OCTOBER 13. During the season the Milford baseball team played twenty-three games, winning eighteen and losing five. It was the fastest team that ever represented the town and was given a banquet at Hotel Willian October 16.

OCTOBER 21. Gov. William E. Russell appointed George G. Parker, Esq., Special Justice of Milford District Court.

OCTOBER 22. School Committee voted to close the old Town House schoolhouse and transfer the pupils to other schools. The teachers, Mrs. E. G. Bell and Miss Julia Barry will also be transferred.

OCTOBER 29. Death of Appleton Bragg in Braggville district, aged 86 years, 8 months and 25 days.

NOVEMBER 9. Dr. George P. Cooke, Democrat, was defeated for re-election to the State Senate by G. K. Nichols of Grafton, Republican. John T. McLoughlin of Milford and Michael Carroll of Blackstone were elected Representatives.





Post Office Block, so-called, the room on Exchange Street corner  
being used for over 40 years for the Post Office.  
The Masonic Fraternity uses top floor.



Old Exchange Building, built in 1850 and torn down in 1878.  
Standing under his sign is L. H. Cook, father of Judge C. A. Cook.  
in the center, between the pillars, is Gordon Hayward.  
Abner Adams is at the right, David Nelson is in the wagon at left,  
and T. E. Morse is standing nearly under his sign.





North Side of Main Street from Lincoln Square, looking East—1880.



South side of Main Street from Lincoln Square, looking East.  
Milford Post Office was at one time in building occupied by  
A. S. Tuttle.



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DECEMBER 6. Death of Atty. Joseph H. Wood, aged 38 years, 10 months and 25 days. He had been a prominent town official and was a member of the Republican State Committee.

DECEMBER 14. Lynch & Murdough of Milford, awarded the contract to build the new Clapp, Huckins & Temple shoe manufactory for \$20,100. The bids were restricted to \$20,000 and the shoe company agreed to pay the \$100.

DECEMBER 19. Eben S. Draper of Hopedale elected a member of the Republican State Committee at a meeting in Mansion House.

1892.

JANUARY 4. W. C. Whiting, principal of High School resigns to accept the principalship of Chicopee High school.

JANUARY 10. George B. Chandler, principal of Franklin High school, elected principal of Milford High.

JANUARY 16. Death of Rev. George W. Stacy, aged 82 years, 10 months, 10 days, at his home on School Street. He had been a resident of Milford since 1831, was an ardent Abolitionist, had held several parishes, represented Milford in the Legislature in 1867, and was a publisher with the late Rev. Adin Ballou of religious literature.

FEBRUARY 10. Supt. S. F. Blodgett reports 1,891 pupils in public schools.

FEBRUARY 10. Darling Bros., granite manufacturers of Milford, assign. Liabilities, \$175,000; assets, \$80,000. The creditors accepted 30 cents on \$1.00.

FEBRUARY 11. Death of A. J. Sumner, former Selectman and widely-known citizen.

FEBRUARY 17. Milford Baseball Association formed with H. D. Bowker, president.

FEBRUARY 27. Disastrous fire in the new Thom granite block, corner of Main and Spruce Streets, caused a loss of \$40,000.

MARCH 7. At Milford's annual election William B. Hale, Maurice E. Nelligan and C. R. Scott were elected Selectmen.



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MARCH 10. Norcross Bros. awarded the contract to furnish granite for the \$100,000 Episcopal Church at Northampton.

MARCH 11. Death of Judge George G. Parker, a member of School Committee, prominent attorney and long-time resident.

APRIL 14. Milford Electric Light & Power Co. votes to extend the incandescent lamp street lighting to Hopedale.

MAY 1. Milford is to have two baseball teams of strong calibre this season. James Thom, owner of the Driving Park is to have one, as is also the Milford Baseball Association.

MAY 1. Deputy Sheriff Abbott A. Jenkins appointed Milford's first Chief of Police by the Selectmen.

JUNE 2. Tenth annual convention of Massachusetts Division, Sons of Veterans in Town Hall, with 170 delegates present.

JULY 9. The new Milford town seal, designed by Miss Evelyn Wires, eldest daughter of ex-Selectman E. L. Wires, reached Milford. The Selectmen in behalf of the citizens, extended thanks to Mr. Wires and daughter and placed the same on the records of the Town.

JULY 13. Milford's tax rate is \$18. The amount to be raised is \$100,100.70. Real estate valuation, \$4,029,333; personal property, \$779,499.

JULY 14. Norcross Bros. have received the contract to build the new Worcester post office building.

JULY 18. School Committee elected Eben Williams, principal of High school.

AUGUST 3. The historic "Bear Hill" rock, a prominent sight on the hill, is being split by granite workers and will be used for curbing.

AUGUST 4. Milford coal dealers advanced the price of stove, nut and Lehigh anthracite coal to \$7 a ton.

AUGUST 6. Death of Charles F. Chapin, a native and life-long Milford resident, aged 77. He was a former Selectman, Representative in the Legislature, Town Clerk and also Moderator. He was associated with Elbridge Mann in boot manufacturing.

AUGUST 10. James Thom conducted a five-day light harness racing meet at the Driving Park which was one of the biggest



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sporting attractions ever held in this section. Baseball games were also held in connection with them. A feature was the appearance of "Nelson" the world's fastest trotting stallion, which trotted an exhibition mile in two minutes, nineteen and one-fourth seconds.

SEPTEMBER 14. James E. Macuen, ice dealer, is establishing a new plant on Dilla Street, to be known as Louisa Lake Ice Co. A dam 183 feet long, 8 feet wide is being constructed. It will flood 10 acres of land.

SEPTEMBER 28. Big reception tendered Rev. Patrick Cuddihy, pastor of St. Mary's Church, on his return from Europe.

OCTOBER 10. The Boston National League baseball team defeated Milford 15 to 6 on the Athletic grounds in final game of the year.

NOVEMBER 8. At the National election, John T. McLoughlin of Milford and George P. Sheldon of Hopedale, were elected Representatives and Dr. George P. Cooke was elected State Senator. Gen. W. F. Draper of Hopedale was elected Congressman.

DECEMBER 12. Death of Adam Supple, one of Milford's oldest residents.

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JANUARY 10. Death of Amariah A. Taft, aged 69 years. He was a prominent business man, dealing largely in real estate and investments.

FEBRUARY 8. The State Board of Arbitration met representatives of Norcross Bros. and striking stonecutters, who have been on strike since May 1, at Mansion House. No agreement was reached.

FEBRUARY 15. Death of John S. Mayhew, aged 50. He was a former boot manufacturer, was one of the first directors of Home National Bank and one of the proprietors of the Mansion House.

MARCH 6. At Milford's annual town meeting William B. Hale, M. E. Nelligan and Clinton R. Scott were elected Selectmen. The town voted 791 to 765 against license for the first time in many years.



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APRIL 14. Legislative committee on railroads and railways visited Milford and inspected the workings of the Milford & Hopedale Street Railway Co., as to the efficiency of their wireless trolley system.

APRIL 19. Mrs. Peard, widow of Col. Robert Peard of Milford, presented to the town, through Post 22, an oil painting of Col. Peard, made by Count Schwab, as one of his gallery of war heroes.

APRIL 26. Legislature gives storage battery company the right to operate street railway in Boston, against the opposition of the West End Street Railway Co. and the adverse report of the Legislative Committee who inspected the Milford system.

APRIL 26. Committee on Judiciary at Legislature discontinued the semi-annual sessions of the Probate Court in Milford to take effect September 1.

APRIL 27. The Selectmen, at special session, Walter F. Delano, chief of police of Revere, was elected chief of police of Milford. Officer P. E. Clark of Boston is to assist him.

APRIL 28. Milford & Hopedale Street Railway Co. erects a new building for the manufacture of storage batteries.

MAY 4. Charles Caruso, appointed a special police officer by the Selectmen, the first native of Italy to serve on the police force of Milford.

MAY 8. At semi-annual meeting of Milford Shoe Co., a dividend of six percent. was declared.

MAY 20. Raphael Marino engaged as official court interpreter at District Court.

MAY 21. Rev. Fr. Patrick Cuddihy made a formal presentation of the new cemetery on Cedar Street to St. Mary's Church.

MAY 23. Massachusetts State Senators inspected the storage battery street cars and the workings thereof today in connection with the bill authorizing their use on Boston streets. On the following day the Senate killed the bill, 30 to 5.

JUNE 5. Milford High School has one of the fastest baseball teams of any school in this section. Principal Eben Williams, an



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old Dartmouth college player, is coaching and playing with them and George Larkin is pitching.

JUNE 14. Milford citizens pledged \$7,000 for the purchase of land and the erection of buildings off the Hopkinton railroad tracks at the foot of Granite Street for the removal of the Franklin Iron Foundry to Milford.

JUNE 14. A five days' light-harness horse racing carnival commenced at the Driving Park with baseball as a side attraction. Martha Wilkes, the world's fastest trotting mare, gave daily exhibitions.

JUNE 21. Woodcock of Brown University is pitcher and Fred Tenney, catcher, for Milford's baseball team.

JUNE 23. Milford branch of the Women's Christian Temperance Union organized.

JUNE 25. Rt. Rev. Thomas D. Beaven, new bishop of Springfield diocese, confirmed a class of 300 in St. Mary's Church. It was his first visit to the Church since his elevation as bishop.

JULY 11. Death of Joseph Dexter Hunt, aged 73 years, 7 months, 25 days. He had resided in Milford since 1825, was a former boot manufacturer, Tax Collector and a noted temperance worker.

JULY 19. J. H. Matthews and Loring P. Webber have bought from W. B. Hale, the assignee, all the furniture, etc., in Hotel Willian and will conduct the hotel.

AUGUST 5. The most severe rain, hail, thunder and wind storm visited Milford causing heavy damage. Trees were uprooted and blown across highways, gardens destroyed and property damaged. At times the storm assumed the fury of a cyclone.

SEPTEMBER 3. Valencia Council, No. 80, Knights of Columbus granted a charter. John T. McLoughlin was elected first Grand Knight.

SEPTEMBER 8. Milford Lodge, I. O. O. F., 223, was instituted by the officers of the Grand Lodge in Odd Fellows' Hall with 14 charter members, augmented by 70 more being taken in at the meeting. G. W. Chandler was elected first Noble Grand.



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SEPTEMBER 15. Owing to the crowded conditions of Milford's schools the School Committee voted to reopen the old Town House school and a new room in the Plains school building.

SEPTEMBER 22. Milford Wheel Club held a bicycle tournament at the Driving Park in which crack bicycle riders of New England participated.

OCTOBER 9. The Milford High school organized a football team, for the first time in the school's history. They are to play their first game, October 14.

OCTOBER 9. Aaron Claflin Council, O. U. A. M., recently instituted, dedicated its new quarters in Scott block.

OCTOBER 21. Veteran firemen's parade and muster participated in by several of the crack veteran fire organizations of New England and at which fifteen prizes, aggregating \$1,000, were offered. It was a notable event and attracted 10,000 people. Nonantum of Newton won first prize, \$200, playing a stream 181 feet and one inch. Niagara hand tub of Upton won second prize, \$150, playing a stream 176 feet and four inches.

OCTOBER 23. Business at the various granite quarries reported brisk. Norcross Bros. are furnishing the granite for a battle monument at West Point, N. Y.

NOVEMBER 7. At annual State election Charles W. Carroll of Milford and Michael Tuite of Blackstone, Democrats, were elected to the Legislature and E. B. Harvey of Westboro, Republican, defeated Dr. George P. Cooke, Democrat, for Senator.

NOVEMBER 18. William H. Cook, editor of Milford Journal, elected president of the Massachusetts Republican Editorial Association.

NOVEMBER 27. Milford Mutual Fire Insurance Co. sent notices of an assessment to its 3,000 policy holders because of insufficient cash on hand to meet obligations.

NOVEMBER 28. The annual report of the Milford & Hopedale Street Railway Co., filed at State House, shows expenditures of \$9,819.35 and income of \$7,534.95.

DECEMBER 22. Milford fire department summoned to Upton to fight a \$30,000 blaze which destroyed the Benson & Nelson straw factory.



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DECEMBER 28. A Democratic caucus was held in Town Hall to determine the choice of the party in Milford for postmaster. James Lally received 272 votes, John H. Stratton, 260 and John T. McLoughlin, 123.

1894.

JANUARY 2. Death of Miss Huldah Arnold, aged 102 years, 4 months and 22 days, the oldest resident of Milford.

JANUARY 8. At adjourned annual meeting of Milford Mutual Fire Insurance Co., the report of the directors showed \$15,919.54 on hand, with no unpaid losses.

JANUARY 18. Death of Nelson Parkhurst, aged 84 years, 8 months and 18 days, a native and always a resident here. He represented Milford in the Legislature in 1840 and was a prominent boot manufacturer.

FEBRUARY 7. Deposits in Milford Savings Bank total \$1,625,380.93.

FEBRUARY 12. A heavy snowfall commenced, lasting two days and with the high wind completely buried Milford with huge drifts. Traffic on railroads was much delayed and the town almost isolated.

FEBRUARY 14. Milford's debt is \$86,500.

FEBRUARY 14. James Lally, appointed postmaster of Milford by President Cleveland. There was a bitter contest for the position.

FEBRUARY 21. The total financial expenditures of Milford for 1893 totalled \$100,583.23 and there was unexpended \$3,743.51

FEBRUARY 25. Fire in Baker block, corner of Main and Central streets, caused loss of \$5,000.

FEBRUARY 28. As a result of the activity of Rev. Luther Freeman, pastor of Methodist Church and others, who wanted no-license enforced, and the aid of two private detectives, nine men were summoned into court March 8 for alleged liquor selling. All the defendants were acquitted.

MARCH 5. Milford returned to the license column at annual Town meeting, the vote being, Yes, 1,099; no, 492. George F.



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Birch, Maurice E. Nelligan and Clinton R. Scott were elected Selectmen. It was voted to remove the High School building to a new location in the rear and to appoint a committee to report on the proposed building of a new High School of Milford pink granite at a cost not to exceed \$40,000.

MARCH 15. Selectmen opened eight bids from persons desiring to be Superintendent of Streets and selected George A. Sherbourne at \$75 a month salary.

MARCH 17. Milford granite cutters, after a prolonged strike, reached agreement with manufacturers for a sliding scale of 27 to 34 cents an hour and for one year contract.

MARCH 21. Miss Clara Barton of Red Cross has written to Milford expressing thanks to those sending food, clothing, etc., to the western cyclone sufferers.

MARCH 24. Death of Dr. Dwight Russell, aged 74 years, 10 months, 28 days. He had practised in Milford since 1855.

MARCH 27. The Lilhatansu quartet, Milford's leading lady singers, terminated engagement at Trinity Church in Worcester. Press notices of their singing are very complimentary.

MARCH 31. The Central Massachusetts Interscholastic League, comprising the High schools of Milford, Natick, Framingham and Marlboro, formed in High school building.

APRIL 24. A new Church society, to be known as "Grace Church," was formed with 40 members.

APRIL 28. The C. T. A. baseball team with Larkin and Baxter as battery defeated the crack East Douglas team in that town, 7 to 3, despite the fact East Douglas had the Brown University battery.

MAY 14. By the will of Nancy A. Bartlett, she gives her residence on Chestnut Street, valued at \$7,000, for an "Old Ladies' Home," to be named after her.

MAY 15. At special Town meeting it was voted to appropriate \$40,000 to build a new High school.

MAY 16. James Lally, appointed postmaster February 14, was today confirmed by the Senate after several efforts had been made





Old Milford Hotel as it appeared before fire destroyed upper part  
in November, 1900.



East Side of Main Street at Lincoln Square—1880.





Old Town House, later used for a school. Torn down April 21, 1900. Wall fell, killing one man and injuring two more; one dying later from his wounds.



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to hold up his confirmation. He succeeds Postmaster George G. Cook.

JUNE 1. Henry E. Morgan bought the controlling interest in the Music Hall Corporation, owners of Music Hall block.

JUNE 18. Deacon and Mrs. George Whittemore celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in their home on Spring Street.

JULY 1. Deputy Sheriff Henry C. Snell appointed Police Chief by Selectmen.

SEPTEMBER 10. High school has 151 pupils.

SEPTEMBER 12. Assessor Thomas J. Connor appointed letter carrier to succeed James C. McKenna, upon recommendation of Postmaster James Lally.

SEPTEMBER 27. Death of Deputy Sheriff James Powers, aged 41 years and six months, a native and life-long resident. He was a former boot maker, engineer of fire department and conducted a livery business.

OCTOBER 12. Tisquantum Lodge, I. O. O. F., observed its 50th anniversary. It had 35 charter members. Milford Lodge assisted in tonight's observance.

NOVEMBER 6. At special town meeting it was voted to build a brick schoolhouse on Spruce Street at a cost not to exceed \$16,000.

NOVEMBER 6. At annual State election, Charles W. Carroll of Milford and Michael Tuite of Blackstone, were elected to the Legislature.

NOVEMBER 15. Death of Gen. Orison Underwood, aged 89 years, 7 months, 29 days. He resided in Milford since 1822. He was a pioneer boot manufacturer, formerly a Selectman, prominent in civic affairs and in military bodies, and held many high offices in the Masonic order.

DECEMBER 21. Mr. and Mrs. George B. Blake attained their golden wedding anniversary.



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1895.

JANUARY 31. John Smith, lockup keeper, announces 1,440 tramps were given shelter at the lockup during 1894; 1,078 during 1893.

FEBRUARY 8. Big snowstorm blocked the highways and seriously impeded transportation.

FEBRUARY 14. Engineers of fire department report answering 36 fire alarms during 1894. The property damage estimated was \$72,250 on buildings and \$48,500 on contents.

FEBRUARY 15. Death of James H. Matthews, aged 55, one of the owners of the Hotel Willian, a veteran of the Civil war.

FEBRUARY 28. Mrs. Sarah Ide celebrated her 101st birthday anniversary at her home on Jefferson street.

MARCH 4. At annual town election George F. Birch, Abbott A. Jenkins and George S. Whitney were elected Selectmen. The town defeated an article calling for a central fire station.

MARCH 13. The Selectmen appointed Atty. Jesse A. Taft as Town Solicitor.

MARCH 19. St. Mary's parochial residence on Winter street gutted by fire.

MARCH 20. Death of John Stratton, father of ex-Representative James F. and ex-Postmaster John H. Stratton, aged 62 years.

MARCH 28. Death of William B. Hale, aged 49 years, 9 months, 29 days. He established a successful cigar business here in 1867, and had been Selectman of Milford.

MARCH 28. Milford Lodge, I. O. O. F. dedicated their new headquarters, Grand Officers of the order being present.

APRIL 1. Co. M. dedicated its new quarters in Washington Hall block.

APRIL 2. Death of Mrs. Caroline Sweet, the oldest native-born resident of Milford, aged 88.

APRIL 2. A new Parochial school building, two stories high, of granite, is to be built on Winter street, to cost between \$25,000 and \$30,000.



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APRIL 22. Death of Moses Walker, aged 69 years, 2 months, 24 days. He was one of our early boot manufacturers, and had been identified with that business here for over 40 years.

APRIL 25. The new school building on Spruce street is completed and the School Committee have asked for bids for its furnishing.

APRIL 27. Milford High school baseball team is in a league with Framingham, Natick and Wellesley High schools. In the first game today, Milford defeated Natick, 11 to 10.

APRIL 29. At annual meeting of Home for the Aged, \$2,800 was reported in the treasury.

MAY 21. Milford Master barbers form a union.

MAY 22. Preliminary papers drafted for the proposed trolley road from Milford to Hopkinton, to cost \$80,000.

MAY 27. At special town meeting it was voted to build a new structure for the Hook and Ladder Co. of brick, at a cost not to exceed \$5,500.

JUNE 1. Milford High school baseball team defeated Natick High at Natick, winning the pennant.

JUNE 5. For first time Milford's town appropriations this year were over \$100,000, a total of \$108,400.

JUNE 12. A Council of Daughters of Pocahontas instituted.

JULY 22. Assessors fixed the tax rate this year at \$18.20.

JULY 24. Capital stock of \$150,000 for incorporation of Milford, Holliston & Framingham Street Railway Co., subscribed.

AUGUST 12. More stone-cutting sheds being built at Milford Pink Granite Co.'s quarries, the company being awarded a large contract for a Columbia College building.

AUGUST 19. The official census for Milford is given at 8,958.

SEPTEMBER 2. Milford Commandery, K. T., 130 strong, with Milford brass band of 27 pieces, made a very creditable showing at the big tri-ennial conclave parade in Boston.

SEPTEMBER 13. Representatives of Milford & Hopedale Street Railway Co. and the Milford, Holliston & Framingham Street Railway Co., effect an agreement whereby all the tracks, franchise



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and rights of the former company in Milford and Hopedale are taken over by the latter.

SEPTEMBER 16. Selectmen grant a franchise to Milford, Holliston & Framingham Street Railway Co.

SEPTEMBER 20. Worcester Construction Co. has 200 men at work building the street railway from Milford to Framingham.

SEPTEMBER 28. Sixth regimental field day held here.

OCTOBER 20. Milford Methodists observed the 100th anniversary of Methodism in Milford and the 50th anniversary of the present Church.

NOVEMBER 1. Registrars of voters report 2,080 names on voting list.

NOVEMBER 2. Ross Granite Co. awarded \$50,000 contract for granite for a railroad depot in Washington, D. C.

NOVEMBER 4. George B. Larrabee of Salem is first Superintendent of the new street railway.

NOVEMBER 4. At the State election William H. Cook, editor of Milford Journal, of Milford, was elected Senator and W. S. V. Cooke of Milford and C. R. Day of Blackstone, elected Representatives. All are Republicans.

DECEMBER 21. Mendon Horse Thief Detecting Society celebrated its 100th anniversary.

1896.

JANUARY 1. Dillon Bros. awarded contract to build new powerhouse for street railway.

JANUARY 1. During 1895 there were 71,377 cases of boots and shoes shipped from Milford, compared with 73,049 in 1894. The shipment of cut granite for 1895 was 13,947 tons compared with 12,362 tons in 1894.

JANUARY 1. Railroad Commissioners have approved of the issuance of \$150,000 stock for M., H. & F. Street Railway Co.

JANUARY 5. Italian residents meet and plan for a Church of their own. A committee of 14 is to solicit funds.



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JANUARY 13. Voters of Medway instruct Selectmen to grant M., H. & F. Street Railway Co. a franchise to operate in that town.

FEBRUARY 25. Mr. and Mrs. Otis T. Nelson celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

MARCH 2. At annual town meeting, George F. Birch, B. T. Clancy and George S. Whitney were elected Selectmen.

MARCH 4. Norcross Bros. awarded contract to furnish the granite for the Cullom Memorial building at West Point for \$60,000.

MARCH 5. Selectmen adopt resolutions on death of Gov. Greenhalge.

MARCH 9. Deacon and Mrs. D. B. Rockwood celebrate 60th wedding anniversary.

MARCH 18. W. G. Benedict, a promoter of Milford & Woonsocket Street Railway Co., said practically all the stock, \$150,000, was taken and the road assured.

MARCH 19. In 1895 the Selectmen received \$250 each; the Registrars, \$100 each; Treasurer, \$300; Auditor, \$200; Town Solicitor, \$250; Head Assessor, \$225 and two other Assessors, \$138.25 and \$175.62 respectively.

APRIL 1. Chief Engineer John H. Scott appointed Assistant State Fire Marshal.

APRIL 1. Miss A. M. Hastings of Newton, elected drawing teacher for public schools, the first to be elected to that position.

APRIL 6. A meeting of business men to discuss street railway matters, was called to order by W. D. Leahy. William H. Cook was made chairman. A committee of 19 were chosen to expedite the building of railways. Many companies desired franchises to operate in Milford and there were many delays in construction.

APRIL 11. Death of Mrs. Sarah Ide, 102 years old, Milford's oldest resident.

MAY 1. Norcross Bros. has \$228,000 granite contract for new Worcester City Hall building.

MAY 16. The Milford Mutual Fire Insurance Co. is in the hands of a receiver. It conducted business here 45 years.



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MAY 20. Milford Universalist Society's committee on a new Church were empowered to sell the present edifice and secure a site for a new building.

MAY 21. Supt. S. F. Blodgett resigns to accept the Superintendency of Framingham schools.

JUNE 15. Selectmen apply to County Commissioners for loan of a steam road roller.

JUNE 19. William Lapworth of Hopedale, manufacturer of elastic web goods, met Milford business men and arrangements made for his commencing business in Milford at the old battery factory on Depot street, Mr. Lapworth having secured a five years' lease.

JULY 1. Milford, Holliston & Framingham Street Railway began carrying passengers between Milford and Framingham.

JULY 13. Assessors announced the tax rate as \$17.50.

AUGUST 3. Milford Pink Granite Co. awarded \$250,000 contract to furnish the stone for a New York City business block and will build a new cutting shed, 150x145.

AUGUST 10. School Committee elects A. E. Tuttle of Melvin Village, N. H., Principal of High school.

AUGUST 15. In a baseball game, for \$200 and 60 per cent. of the gate receipts, Milford defeated Hopkinton, 9 to 6 at South Framingham before 3,000 spectators.

SEPTEMBER 1. Electric street cars were run to Hopedale over the new rails today for the first time.

SEPTEMBER 3. Quinshipaug Encampment, I. O. O. F., celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of Odd Fellowship.

SEPTEMBER 14. About 500 are working at the granite quarries with payrolls of \$5,500 weekly.

OCTOBER 1. James F. Ahern, a graduate of High school and Holy Cross College with valedictory honors, tendered a big reception in Town Hall and presented a purse of money. He is to go to Rome, Italy, for a five years' study to become a priest.

OCTOBER 6. Report of Milford Savings Bank shows deposits of \$1,850,169.02.



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OCTOBER 25. Registration of voters for State election is 2,219.

NOVEMBER 3. Milford went Republican for a change at the National election, 1,043 to 717. The new Representative district, the tenth, Milford, Upton, Westboro, Hopedale and Mendon, sent two Republicans to the Legislature, W. S. V. Cooke of Milford and A. B. Nourse of Westboro. William H. Cook, Republican, was re-elected Senator.

NOVEMBER 7. After a deadlock of several months the School Committee elected Charles W. Haley, of Georgetown, Mass., Superintendent.

NOVEMBER 10. Court Milford, F. of A., instituted with 40 charter members.

NOVEMBER 21. Boston Transit Commissioners awarded Norcross Bros. the contract to build the stairways and coverings to the entrances of the subway on Boston Common, for \$89,599 for the stonework.

DECEMBER 7. Medway Selectmen grant a franchise to M., H. & F. Street Railway Co.

DECEMBER 12. Milford natives of Italy and of Italian birth held a largely attended meeting in Town Hall on the question of having a Roman Catholic Church for their own nationality.

1897.

JANUARY 11. A. E. Tuttle, principal of High school, introduces military training in the school.

JANUARY 13. Deputy Sheriff A. A. Jenkins appointed special court officer at Superior criminal court at Worcester.

JANUARY 18. John F. Barrett is elected captain of Co. M.

JANUARY 24. Death of Atty. Henry E. Fales, aged 59 years, 2 months, 18 days. He practised law in Milford 34 years, had been a State Representative, Moderator at Town meetings, Town Solicitor and School Committeeman.

FEBRUARY 2. A blizzard, the worst since 1888, gave us a snowfall of 16 inches. Street railways were tied up, trains delayed and the outlying districts isolated.



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FEBRUARY 4. There were 142 deaths, 109 marriages and 247 births in Milford in 1896.

FEBRUARY 4. Directors of Milford Water Co. appointed Chief Engineer John W. Kay, Superintendent.

FEBRUARY 9. Death of Otis W. Richardson, prominent musician, and Civil war veteran, aged 59.

FEBRUARY 16. Post 22, G. A. R., notified they would receive two 30-pound rifled cannon and eighty 10-inch shells for ornaments on Memorial Hall lawn, from the War department.

MARCH 1. At annual Town election B. T. Clancy, Lewis Hayden and George S. Whitney were elected Selectmen.

MARCH 24. Supt. Charles W. Haley of the schools, receives permission from Adj. Gen. Dalton for the High school battalion to drill with arms.

MARCH 26. Trinity Episcopal Church votes to build a Parish House at a cost not to exceed \$6,000.

MARCH 31. John T. McLoughlin, first Grand Knight of Valencia Council, K. of C., presented a gold watch by the Council. G. K. Maurice E. Nelligan, who succeeded him, made the presentation speech.

APRIL 10. Death of Atty. Martin J. Kelly, aged 33 years and 13 days.

APRIL 24. Death of Dennis Shea, aged 101 years, 6 months and 26 days, the oldest resident of this section.

JUNE 2. The Milford & Upton Street Railway Co., granted a franchise by Milford Selectmen, were refused one by Hopedale Selectmen.

JUNE 30. Death of Perley P. Field, aged 67 years, 3 months, 8 days. He was a former Selectman, and prominent business man.

JULY 22. Assessors report the town's total valuation as \$5,447,808.

AUGUST 11. A bridge is being built over the Medway crossing by the Boston & Albany railroad for the Milford-Medway Street cars.





The old Clafin Building, with balcony, at left, built in 1838, in which Horace B. and Aaron Clafin started business.

Site now occupied by new Clafin Building.



Clafin Building—1908.





View of Milford from Bear Hill, looking West—1880.



View of Milford from Bear Hill, looking Northwest—1880.



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SEPTEMBER 16. Centennial exercises of Montgomery Lodge of Masons in Milford. Rev. Dr. George C. Lorimer of Tremont Temple, Boston, was the orator.

OCTOBER 30. Articles of Association for formation of Milford & Woonsocket Street Railway Co. made public. The capital stock is \$100,000.

NOVEMBER 3. Registration for State election is 2,223.

NOVEMBER 8. At State election Milford went Republican again by 80 votes. Senator William H. Cook was reelected for the third time. Representatives W. S. V. Cooke of Milford and A. P. Williams of Upton were elected Representatives.

NOVEMBER 18. Death of Samuel W. Hayward, former deputy sheriff, Town official and business man, aged 80 years, 10 months, 2 days.

DECEMBER 5. Universalist Church Society secures the Lambert Pierce lot on Pine street for a site for a new Church.

DECEMBER 7. The first basketball game ever played in Milford was tonight in Town Hall between two Y. M. C. A. teams.

DECEMBER 14. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Morse attained their golden wedding anniversary. They have been residents of Milford since 1864.

DECEMBER 29. The new St. Mary's granite parochial school building was formally blessed today by Rt. Rev. Thomas D. Beaven, bishop of Springfield diocese, assisted by 30 priests.

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JANUARY 15. Mr. and Mrs. Michael Gallen received word of the death of their daughter, Mary A., known as Sister Teresa, a Sister of Charity in Chicago. She was the first Milford girl to enter the Sisterhood and was a graduate of Milford High school, Class of 1879.

JANUARY 20. A committee of 30 business men met in Music Hall parlors and appointed a committee of ten to form a Board of Trade to succeed the former Business Men's Association and to act on propositions for the location of new industries in Milford.



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JANUARY 31. The worst blizzard since 1867 visited Milford, tying up all traffic and completely isolated the Town for two days.

FEBRUARY 1. There were 95 marriages, 256 births and 180 deaths recorded in Milford during 1897.

FEBRUARY 2. Milford Y. M. C. A. is represented by one of the fastest basketball teams in the State.

FEBRUARY 2. The fare on M., H. & F. Street Railway from Holliston to South Framingham is five cents and Milford citizens desire the same rate from Milford to Holliston, but could not receive it. The fare from Milford to South Framingham is 15 cents.

FEBRUARY 8. Death of Stephen Sweet, aged 66 years, 2 months, 4 days. He was a native of Milford, and a successful business man.

FEBRUARY 9. G. M. Billings, owner of Milford Gazette, has leased land on Exchange street for the erection of a one-story building, 36 feet wide, 50 feet long. He is to remove his plant from Baker block.

FEBRUARY 25. Registration closed for March election with names of 2,222 males and 305 females.

MARCH 7. At annual Town election B. T. Clancy, Dr. George P. Cooke and George S. Whitney were elected Selectmen.

APRIL 14. Milford Board of Trade organized. J. Allen Rice was chosen president and seventy-nine joined.

APRIL 25. Capt. John F. Barrett of Co. M, militia, issued a call to all ex-militia men and others fit for military duty, to report to him in case his command is called out for service in the war with Spain.

APRIL 30. President McKinley has appointed George G. Cook postmaster, to succeed James Lally, whose term expires in June. Mr. Cook formerly held the office.

MAY 1. Co. M ordered by Gov. Walcott to mobilize at South Framingham, May 7, for war duty with other companies of the Sixth regiment.

MAY 4. George A., Eben S. and George Otis Draper, all of Hopedale, generously offered to equip Co. M members with such personal effects as they desired, not furnished by the government.



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MAY 4. Milford's patriotism is aroused. Hundreds of flags adorn business blocks, factories and residences and the motto "Remember the Maine" is much in evidence.

MAY 4. Milford citizens honored Co. M with a big public reception in Town Hall. The company was escorted from the Armory by Milford brass band and a blaze of red fire. Patriotic speeches made by prominent Milford and Hopedale residents.

MAY 6. Co. M given a rousing farewell on its departure for Framingham muster field preparatory for service in the Spanish-American war. A parade, with Capt. Horace E. Whitney as chief marshal, headed by police and Milford brass band and in which were Milford High School Cadets, Maj. E. F. Fletcher Post 22, George Draper Camp, S. of V., Milford and Hopedale fire departments, Street Railway Co. employees, Milford and Hopedale Town officials, citizens and Co. M, Capt. J. F. Barrett, commanding, marched through the principal streets to the Boston & Albany depot.

MAY 20. On departure of Co. M to Washington from Framingham, hundreds of Milford's citizens went to Framingham to cheer them off. The Milford High School Cadets assisted in the ceremonies.

MAY 28. The Milford baseball team this year is composed principally of ex-Harvard college players under management of J. D. Upton, a former Harvard athlete. Eben Williams, ex-Dartmouth player and former Milford High school teacher is in the lineup.

JUNE 1. A provisional military company was organized by Capt. Horace E. Whitney, with 64 members.

JUNE 1. The Selectmen have petitioned the State Highway Commissioners for State roads on South Main and West streets.

JUNE 20. Co. M, through Corp. A. B. Edmands, recruiting officer, filled its quota. The men in charge of A. J. Draper, one of their number and son of Gen. Wm. F. Draper, left Milford June 21 for Albany, N. Y. They were given a stirring farewell on their departure.

JUNE 26. Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Skinner celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in their home on Jefferson street. He



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had been a resident 52 years, was a Representative in the Legislature, Trustee of Vernon Grove cemetery and prominent in fraternal orders.

JULY 1. Charles H. Kimball, First Lieutenant of Co. M, has returned to Milford from Camp Alger, owing to ill health and has received an honorable discharge. Arthur J. Draper has been commissioned Lieutenant.

JULY 18. A volunteer Ladies' Aid Association to assist the State Association in caring for needy soldiers, was organized in Memorial Hall. Mrs. C. A. Sumner was chosen president.

JULY 20. Milford's tax rate announced as \$17.50.

JULY 21. The Universalist Society awarded the stone contract to build its new Church on Pine street, to the Shea Granite Co., for \$15,000. Otis Whitney & Son have the carpentering contract for \$13,931.

AUGUST 20. Plans have been made for the occupancy of the former Spaulding straw manufactory, Pearl street, by the Carroll, Hixon, Jones Co., for the manufacture of straw goods.

SEPTEMBER 1. Milford was visited today by the most severe storm of wind, hail and lightning in its history. Lightning struck St. Mary's Church granite tower causing one of the pinnacles, weighing 800 pounds, to be torn into four pieces, two of which fell through the Church causing loss estimated at \$5,000. The A. J. Sumner boot factory in North Milford was struck by lightning and burned with its contents, as was also the house adjoining with a loss of \$3,500. Great trees were uprooted and a deluge of rain followed washing out many streets. The hail also caused considerable damage.

SEPTEMBER 6. Milford's first soldier to die in the Spanish-American war was Arthur L. Wilkinson, who succumbed at Porto Rico to disease. He was 21 years old. A notable incident is that his uncle, Walter Wilkinson, was the first Milford soldier to lose his life in the Civil war.

SEPTEMBER 8. Sergt. Asa B. Trask was the second Milford soldier to die in the Spanish-American war, his brother, I. C. Trask, receiving word today. Sergt. Trask died of typhoid fever, aged 21 years.



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SEPTEMBER 25. Death of Hill Williams, aged 36. He was a son of Atty. Gustavus B. Williams, formerly principal of Mendon High school and at time of death was in coal and wood business in Milford.

OCTOBER 27. Milford gives rousing welcome to Capt. John F. Barrett of Co. M and his command on their return from the Spanish-American war. Big street parade and reception in Armory Hall followed.

NOVEMBER 1. Paul T. French of Hopedale, a member of Co. M died October 24 on the relief ship "Bay State", of fever. He was buried at sea.

NOVEMBER 1. Ethan C. Claflin, prominent business man and a former Town Treasurer, gives banquet to 100 in observance of his 50 years in business in Milford.

NOVEMBER 9. At State election, Clifford A. Cook of Milford and H. L. Chase of Westboro were elected Representatives.

NOVEMBER 25. Colburn, Fuller & Co., discontinue business.

NOVEMBER 26. A blizzard descended upon Milford and continued for 24 hours. Street railway and steam railroads were tied up, roads blocked and it was two days before roads were broken out and traffic resumed.

NOVEMBER 27. Private Patrick Kelly, Spanish-American war veteran, dies, aged 33 years.

DECEMBER 7. Death of Rev. Fr. Patrick Cuddihy, venerable pastor of St. Mary's Church. He was 90 years old, one of the oldest priests in the country, being ordained in Rome, December 25, 1831. He came to Milford, August 15, 1857.

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JANUARY 9. Selectmen request the war department to forward to Milford the bodies of Sergt. Asa B. Trask and Private A. L. Wilkinson, who died in the war, from Porto Rico to Milford.

JANUARY 16. Business Men's Association, Z. C. Field presiding, voted to turn over its funds, \$38.75, to the new Board of Trade.



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FEBRUARY 1. M., H. & F. Street Railway Co. given permission by Selectmen to extend its tracks from East Main street on Cedar street to the entrance of Pine Grove cemetery.

FEBRUARY 9. Annual meeting of Milford Baseball Association shows balance in treasury of \$181, with uniforms and paraphernalia used by the 1898 team. It was voted to place a strong team in the field this year.

FEBRUARY 13. A severe snowstorm effectually tied up traffic. All the factories closed early. Milford employees out-of-town were unable to reach their homes. Over 150 Milford people were kept in South Framingham by the trains being stalled.

FEBRUARY 20. There were 1,401,033 cigars manufactured in Milford in 1898.

FEBRUARY 20. Selectmen voted to procure a list of all the Milford men serving in the Spanish-American war and place the same in Town report.

FEBRUARY 25. The Bainbridge Hayward block, Main street, was sold at public auction for \$15,100.

MARCH 1. Registration for the annual Town meeting closed with 2,401 males and 291 females.

MARCH 6. At Town election B. T. Clancy, Dr. George P. Cooke and A. A. Jenkins were elected Selectmen. Charles Caruso elected constable, the first of his race to be elected to a public office in Milford.

MARCH 8. At adjourned Town meeting, appropriations totaling \$105,000 were made. It was voted to place a marble tablet in Memorial Hall building containing the names of all the Milford men serving in the Spanish-American war.

MARCH 31. Death of Daniel Reed, aged 74 years, 6 days. He was the oldest locomotive engineer in point of service on the Boston & Albany, when he retired in 1896, having first run one in 1849. He represented Milford in the Legislature in 1883 and was prominent in Masonic bodies.

APRIL 17. The Magid Hope Silk Co. purchases the Colburn & Fuller shoe factory and land on North Bow street.



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APRIL 17. Village Improvement Society organized at a meeting at which Hon. W. H. Cook presided.

APRIL 23. Death of Letter Carrier William H. Hartwell, a veteran of Civil war, aged 54 years, 2 months, 1 day. He was one of the first carriers appointed in Milford. Postmaster Cook appointed his son, Allan A. Hartwell to the position.

MAY 1. A military funeral for Sergt. Asa B. Trask, a member of Co. M, who died in the Spanish-American war, was held in Memorial Hall, his body having been brought here from Porto Rico.

MAY 1. Annual meeting of Board of Trade showed receipts of \$252, expenses of \$90 and a total membership of 120.

MAY 24. The Selectmen awarded P. H. Gaffny the contract at four and sixty-eight one-hundredths cents per light for the residential section of Milford. There are 102 lights and kerosene is to be used.

MAY 27. Milford baseball team, with Frank A. Goodwin, (now chairman of Boston Finance Commission), catching and Clancy, pitching, opened the season with a victory over the Lyceums of Worcester, 13 to 4.

JUNE 8. Misses Annie and Carrie Wheeler, daughters of Gen. Joseph Wheeler, a Confederate General, of Alabama, are being entertained by Milford and Hopedale residents.

JUNE 23. State Board of Health, requests Milford Board to send in samples of water taken from Charles river.

JULY 13. Milford Board of Trade had its first field day and outing at Woodland Park, West Medway, at which 225 attended. Gen. William F. Draper of Hopedale, Ambassador to Italy, was a special guest.

JULY 17. Assessors make tax rate \$17.80.

JULY 19. State Board of Health warns the local Board about drinking water through lead pipes.

JULY 23. At a special Town meeting it was voted to appropriate \$3,000 to install the Union tank system of sewerage to abate existing evils on Pond and other streets.

JULY 26. Milford's valuation is \$5,579,123.



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AUGUST 25. Rev. Fr. James T. Canavan, pastor of St. Mary's Church, tendered a reception and presented a purse of \$1,500 on his return from Ireland.

SEPTEMBER 1. Milford Weekly Times suspends publication.

SEPTEMBER 11. Irving H. Gamwell, principal of Bristol, R. I., High school, elected principal of High school here.

SEPTEMBER 12. Granite business is booming. Norcross Bros. report working on contracts aggregating \$6,250,000.

OCTOBER 13. James I. C. Cook, senior proprietor and publisher of Milford Daily and Weekly Journal, attained his 82nd birthday anniversary. He is the oldest active printer in New England.

OCTOBER 24. Word received by Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Brennan, that their eldest son, John A., was killed in the Philippines, August 12, in an engagement with Filipinos. He was attached to Co. G, 21st U. S. Regulars, was 26 years old and was the first Milford soldier to be killed in the Philippines.

NOVEMBER 3. Death of Patrick Gillon, aged 56, well-known business man, owner and builder of Gillon block.

NOVEMBER 7. At State election Atty. Clifford A. Cook and H. L. Chase of Westboro, were elected to the Legislature.

NOVEMBER 16. Death of Mrs. Hannah Peard, aged 73, widow of Col. Robert Peard, Milford's noted Civil war soldier. She resided in Milford since 1849.

NOVEMBER 30. A record for Thanksgiving day marriages was broken when eight couples were united.

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JANUARY 1. Mr. and Mrs. Ethan C. Claflin observed their golden wedding anniversary at their home on School street, with a reception at which 300 attended.

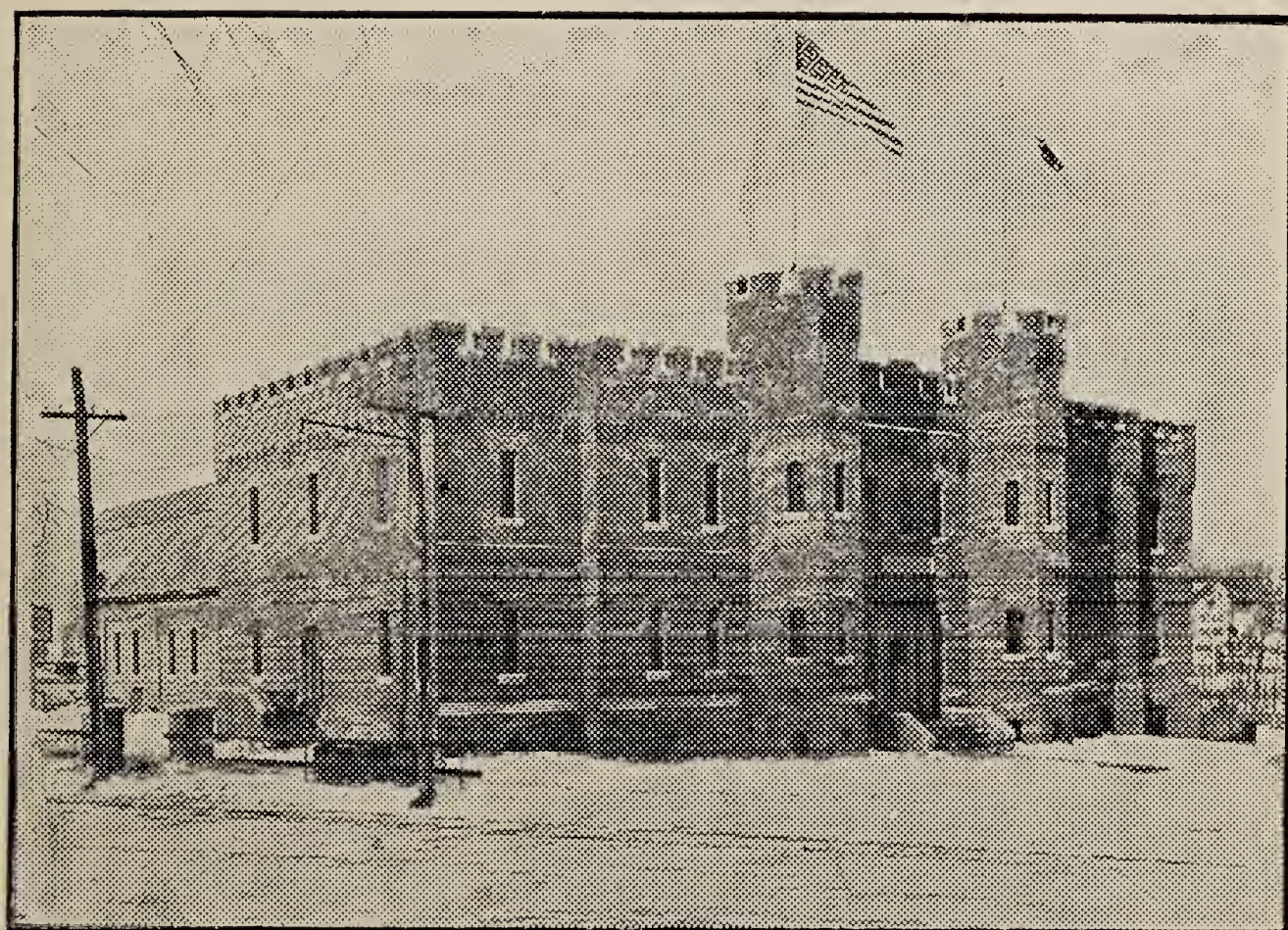
JANUARY 12. Samuel Gaskill observed his 90th birthday anniversary. He is familiarly known as "Uncle Sam" and four generations of the Gaskills were present at the observance.

FEBRUARY 14. A Catholic Court of Foresters was formed and will be known as "Charity Court."





Magomiscock Golf Club House, built in 1909.  
First Club House burned in 1908.



The Armory.





Town Hall Building,  
Built in 1856 to 1858.



Earl Vasile was winner of this race from Milford to Medway, 1908.



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FEBRUARY 15. Milford citizens are signing a petition to have a Town by-law, known as a "curfew law" adopted.

FEBRUARY 16. Death of Mrs. Pamela (Blunt) Draper, widow of George Draper, aged 76 years, 5 months, 7 days.

FEBRUARY 16. A branch of the Socialist party was formed in Milford with thirty members.

FEBRUARY 28. Total registration is 2,158 male and 282 female. There are 3,068 assessed for poll taxes.

FEBRUARY 29. Thurber Medical Society discusses the need for a hospital in Milford.

MARCH 5. At annual Town election Dr. George P. Cooke, Joseph F. Hickey and A. A. Jenkins were chosen Selectmen.

MARCH 7. Vital statistics for 1899 show 226 births, 209 deaths and 92 marriages.

MARCH 9. At annual business meeting Milford voters appropriated \$25,000 for an enlargement of the Town Hall building. The voters accepted a gift of land on Church street to be used as a park, from Gen. William F. Draper and William Bancroft. The "curfew law" was adopted.

MARCH 14. The plans for the remodeling of Town Hall call for an addition of 57 feet to the rear of the building, with projecting wings on either side, which will give a seating capacity of 1,500.

MARCH 15. Milford High school on School street entirely destroyed by a supposed incendiary fire, entailing a loss of \$16,000. The blaze was discovered at 11 o'clock at night. Everything, including many gifts from graduating classes, was lost.

MARCH 19. The Selectmen and School Committee voted to buy for \$2,800, the old Universalist Church building on Pearl street, for a temporary High school building.

MARCH 22. New Universalist Church on Pine street, formally dedicated. It is of granite and total cost is approximately \$40,000.

MARCH 26. At a special town meeting \$60,000 was appropriated to build a new High school of granite to replace the one



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burned and \$2,800 for the purchase of the old Universalist Church for a temporary High school.

MARCH 31. Milford's old brick Town House school, formerly the Town House, a historic landmark, was sold at public auction to Alfred Goucher for \$25. It was built in 1819 and continued in that capacity until 1854, when the present Town House was built.

APRIL 1. Milford granite cutters granted an eight-hour day and a minimum wage of 35 cents an hour.

APRIL 4. The Legislature's House Committee on Counties, reports a bill for establishing a clerk for Milford District Court at a yearly salary of \$500, to take effect June 1. Atty. William G. Pond was chosen the first clerk by Gov. W. Murray Crane, on that date.

APRIL 4. James F. Stratton bought the brick building on Central street formerly used by Wilkinson & Hawes, straw manufacturers. Mr. Stratton is to remodel it for hotel purposes.

APRIL 5. Milford bought its first street sprinkler for \$300.

APRIL 5. The M., H. & F. Street Railway Co. is installing a 400-horse power generator in its power-house off Sumner street.

APRIL 9. Contractor Eugene F. Lynch has the temporary High school ready for occupancy.

APRIL 14. Milford Board of Trade endorses the recommendation of Thurber Medical Society for a hospital in Milford and appointed a committee to confer with the society on the matter.

APRIL 16. Granite quarrymen granted an eight-hour day.

APRIL 21. George L. Browning was instantly killed and Dennis Burns and Daniel Leahy seriously injured by the collapsing of the rear wall of the old Town Hall building. The men were engaged in tearing down the structure. The fire alarm was sounded and fully 100 assisted in removing the debris. On April 25 Mr. Leahy died of his injuries.

APRIL 23. High schools of Milford, Upton, Holliston and Medway form trolley baseball league.

MAY 22. The M., H. & F. Street Railway Co. has awarded Giacomo Cenedella the contract to build the brickwork and Otis



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Whitney & Son the carpenter work on the proposed new carhouse and repair shop on East Main street.

MAY 25. The Milford, Attleboro & Woonsocket Street Railway Co. opened and passengers taken over the road for the first time.

MAY 25. Contractor Eugene F. Lynch given the contract to remodel the Town House building for \$20,500.

JUNE 9. Interscholastic Trolley League baseball championship won by Milford High school.

JUNE 13. Application for a charter for Milford & Uxbridge street railway.

JUNE 13. A Golf Club is formed by several young ladies, who have leased about 50 acres of land on Mrs. Flanagan's farm on the Upton road.

JUNE 19. Death of Otis Torrey Nelson, one of Milford's oldest citizens, at the age of 87 years, 9 months, 4 days. He served as Overseer of the Poor in 1850-1.

JUNE 20. Milford Commandery of Knights Templar, entertains commanderies from Worcester, Pawtucket, Woonsocket, and Natick, in Milford, and at Lake Waushakum, by a field day. A parade of over 600 Knights was witnessed here.

JUNE 28. First meeting of the Milford Hospital subscribers.

JUNE 29. Death of Dr. Charles Mackin, a physician for about 20 years, and a member of the School Committee.

JULY 4. Norcross Bros. have been awarded the contract to construct Yale University buildings, at New Haven, Ct., at a cost of over a million dollars.

JULY 20. High school building committee accepts plans and specifications for new High school.

JULY 23. Milford's tax rate for 1900 was \$18.80.

JULY 26. Prof. I. Franklin Frisbee, A. M., Ph.D., of Lewiston, Maine, was elected principal of the High school.

JULY 28. Death of Major A. W. Keene, aged 60. He was a resident of Milford for many years, and was Probation Officer for Milford district court from 1891 until his death.



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AUGUST 4. Death of Dr. George L. Cooke. He was a prominent dentist, was one of the petitioners for the "Home for Aged at Milford," and was chosen first president, remaining as such for several years. He was a member of the School Committee since 1889 and was chairman of the board since 1891.

AUGUST 4. Justice Charles E. Whitney appointed Probation Officer.

AUGUST 26. Death of Hon. William H. Cook, aged 57 years, 7 months, 18 days. He was born in Bennington, Vt., Jan. 7, 1843, the son of James I. C. and Marion Robertson Cook. He, with his father and brother, bought the Milford Weekly Journal in the spring of 1872. They founded the Milford Daily Journal October 22, 1888. He was elected to the House of Representatives in 1876 and again in 1877. He was elected a member of the State Senate from this district in 1895, 1896 and 1897. He was the author of the so-called "libel law," a measure to relieve newspapers and newspaper men from being mulcted by unscrupulous men. The bill was passed and signed by Gov. Wolcott. He did more for prison reform, as chairman of the Prison Committee, than had been accomplished in many years.

SEPTEMBER 3. Regular trips started Labor Day over the tracks of the M., A. & W. Street Railway from Milford to Franklin and Woonsocket.

SEPTEMBER 5. Milford Shoe Co. received an award for the excellence of its product and fine exhibit of its shoes at the Paris Exposition.

SEPTEMBER 17. Magomiscock Golf Club organized.

SEPTEMBER 27. Clyde Cheney defeated William Miller of West Medway in a 5 mile pursuit wheel race on Charles River Driving Park, Milford for \$1,000. He also defeated Miller in Cambridge.

SEPTEMBER 31. Formal dedication of Milford Y. M. C. A. building on Exchange street.

OCTOBER 7. Deposits increased \$163,000 in the past year in the Milford Savings Bank.

OCTOBER 10. There are 1,687 school children between the ages of 5 and 15 in Milford.



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OCTOBER 12. Milford Selectmen sign Milford-Hopkinton Street Railway franchise.

OCTOBER 31. Bay State Granite Co. has secured the Milford Pink Granite Co. properties of Woodbury & Leighton of Boston, which make it one of the largest companies in New England.

NOVEMBER 14. Mr. and Mrs. Albert C. Withington observe 50th wedding anniversary. He has been a Selectman, Assessor and moderator and for twenty years a fire engineer and chief engineer for several years. He was 75 years old November 7.

NOVEMBER 14. Horace C. Adams of Mendon and E. L. Osgood of Hopedale were elected Representatives in Tenth Worcester district.

NOVEMBER 14. Golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Coyne. He fought through the Civil war and in 1886 was appointed a messenger at the State House for the House of Representatives, which position he still holds.

NOVEMBER 16. Organization of Plumbers' Union.

NOVEMBER 16. Stage coach line which had carried passengers and mails from Milford to Medway for a great many years discontinued.

NOVEMBER 22. Milford Lodge, 628, B. and P. Order of Elks, instituted. The officers are: Dr. Charles H. Cole, Exalted Ruler; Lewis J. Gillon, Esteemed Leading Knight; Clarence E. Jones, Esteemed Loyal Knight; Dr. H. H. Newcomb, Esteemed Lecturing Knight; P. H. Gillon, Esteemed Treasurer; John C. Lynch, Esteemed Secretary; John Nolan, Trustee for 3 years; L. B. Magid, Trustee for 2 years; John J. O'Neil, Trustee for one year; C. J. Smith, Tyler; C. D. Hixon, Esteemed Esquire; John H. Stratton, Inner Guard.

DECEMBER 17. Milford votes an additional \$15,000 for the Town House enlargement.

DECEMBER 26. Purchase of storage battery property by William Lapworth & Sons, for manufacture of elastic fabrics, off Depot street.



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JANUARY 6. Death of James Lally, aged 77 years, a resident in Milford for over 50 years. He was the father of James Lally, Jr., postmaster of Milford under Cleveland's last administration.

JANUARY 11. Death of Deacon D. B. Rockwood, aged 89 years, Milford's oldest business man and Odd Fellow. Was born in Milford and started the first wheelwright shop in town, which was carried on until the fall of 1900, when he sold it.

JANUARY 16. The population of Milford in 1900 was 11,376.

JANUARY 17. Institution of Welcome Lodge, New England Order of Protection.

FEBRUARY 4. Milford's temporary High school destroyed by fire. The building was erected in 1851 for the Universalist Society and was bought by the town last year.

FEBRUARY 6. There were 209 deaths, 147 marriages and 304 births in Milford in 1900.

FEBRUARY 18. Milford's newly remodeled Town Hall was formally opened for public inspection and use, the occasion being the first annual ball of Valencia Council, K. of C.

FEBRUARY 27. Registration of voters this year is 2,333 males and 280 females.

MARCH 4. At Town election, Dr. George P. Cooke, Joseph F. Hickey and Abbott A. Jenkins were elected Selectmen.

MARCH 15. Milford Selectmen sign franchise of M., H. & F. Street Railway, for the extension of its tracks from the present terminus on Cedar street, Milford to the Hopkinton town line.

MARCH 16. Pride of Court Milford, No. 501, C. of F. of A., instituted.

APRIL 14. Death of John J. Roche, veteran of the Civil war, aged 59 years, 10 months, 4 days.

JUNE 5. Milford's share of State tax is \$3,622.50.

JUNE 12. The contract to build the new power plant of the Milford, Holliston & Framingham Street Railway, was awarded to the Bay State Granite Company.



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JUNE 21. Death of ex-Selectman P. H. Curran, aged 47 years. He was elected Selectman in 1885 and 1886, the latter year being chairman. He also served as Registrar.

JULY 1. Organization of the Milford branch of the "Brotherhood of the Carpenters and Joiners of America."

JULY 24. Miss Esther O'Conner, of Marlboro, is elected music teacher for Milford schools.

JULY 24. There are 3,712 poll tax payers.

JULY 30. A new union of bricklayers, masons and plasterers is organized.

JULY 31. Cenedella Bros., of Milford, were awarded the contract for grading the grounds around the new Milford High school.

AUGUST 26. Milford branch of the International Portable and Stationary Engineers instituted.

SEPTEMBER 4. Union of Teamsters organized.

SEPTEMBER 4. Tuition price per year, for the out-of-town pupils, at the High school, is \$40.

SEPTEMBER 11. The lower hall at Town House has been named "Dewey Hall."

SEPTEMBER 13. Monster field day for Milford hospital fund.

SEPTEMBER 15. Milford branch of Journeyman Bakers' union organized.

SEPTEMBER 19. Memorial services for the late President McKinley held.

OCTOBER 13. Barbers' union organized.

NOVEMBER 4. Re-opening of Lyceum Theatre. It was first opened to the public on July 17, 1860.

NOVEMBER 12. Milford House, an old landmark on Town House square, is practically destroyed by fire. It was the oldest hotel in town, part of which was built 75 years ago.

NOVEMBER 13. Horace C. Adams of Mendon and E. L. Osgood of Hopedale, again elected Representatives.

NOVEMBER 15. Purchase of Shippee shop so-called, of Milford Shoe Co., by the owners of Milford Rubber Co. and Union Rubber Co., of Boston.



*Milford Events for Fifty Years.*

NOVEMBER 15. The Magid-Hope Silk Mfg. Company was sold to Jesse A. Taft of Milford for \$19,200. Patents sold for 14 cents, once estimated at \$133,000.

DECEMBER 11. The new telephone exchange switchboard, which is to be installed in its new quarters in the Post office block, will cost over \$6,000. It is a 6-section board and registers about 400 subscribers.

DECEMBER 20. First formal trip over the Milford & Uxbridge Street Railway line.

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JANUARY 8. The business of Norcross Bros. of Worcester and Milford has been incorporated with a capital of \$1,500,000.

JANUARY 11. Death of William Sheehan, aged 79 years. He was one of the large real estate owners.

JANUARY 15. In 1901, there were 111 couples married, and 201 deaths.

MARCH 5. The new 900 horse power engine at M., H. & F. power house, weighs over 100 tons.

MARCH 5. J. F. Hickey, A. A. Jenkins and W. S. V. Cooke are elected Selectmen. The eight-hour law for Town employees is accepted.

MARCH 8. B. E. Harris retires from the clothing business after almost 40 years.

MARCH 9. Pine street Baptist Church damaged \$2,000 by fire.

MARCH 23. Nipmuc Park, Mendon, "Nature's Beauty Spot," opened tonight by Milford Street Railway employees' dance. Fully 1,200 present.

MARCH 25. Death of Hugh H. V. Lilley, one of Milford's well-known business men. Has been a resident of Milford for 40 years, most of which he was engaged in the manufacture of sewing machine needles.

MARCH 26. The Price property, at the corner of Prospect and Main streets, has been acquired from Rev. L. G. Barrett for proposed Milford Hospital.





East Side of Main Street, looking South, from South Bow Street,  
1868.



Main Street at Corner of Franklin, in 1880, location of present  
Post Office.





Congress Street at left, showing old Academy and Congregational Church before being remodelled in 1868. The Academy was moved to Greene Street in 1871.



Walker and Harrington Houses on South Bow Street. Residence of Amariah A. Taft on Claflin Hill, in the distance, then nearly surrounded by the forest.



*Milford Events for Fifty Years.*

APRIL 6. Death of Murtagh Reynolds, one of the oldest Irish settlers here. He was the first Catholic citizen to be elected to public office, that of constable.

APRIL 9. Receipts at Milford postoffice, for the year ending March 31, amounted to \$16,042.39.

MAY 2. H. M. Curtiss, first Milford citizen to own and operate an automobile on our streets.

MAY 7. Charles River Driving Park purchased by the Milford Park Association.

MAY 18. Mass meeting in Town Hall for striking teamsters at which 1,200 attended.

MAY 24. Milford Pink Granite Co. has 400 men working on stone for Hanner National bank building to be erected in New York City.

MAY 28. Increased straw business compels the Carroll, Hixon, Jones Co. to build an addition 50x75 feet to their factory.

JUNE 6. Gov. Crane today signed the "Loop Bill" authorizing the Grafton & Upton Railroad Co. to construct a street railway through Upton and West Upton.

JUNE 16. Milford carpenters went on strike today for an eight-hour day and \$2.50 wage. About 90 are affected.

JUNE 16. Hon. and Mrs. Eben S. Draper of Hopedale are to present to Milford a \$50,000 hospital to be erected at the corner of Main and Prospect streets.

JUNE 19. Milford High school graduates twenty-nine students at its fortieth annual commencement.

JUNE 21. Official opening of the Grafton & Upton road (electrically equipped). The fares were reduced from 55 to 25 cents from Milford to North Grafton.

JUNE 25. Clerks in Milford stores form a union and have asked the merchants for half-holidays on Wednesday during July and August.

JULY 4. Miss Mabel Ward badly injured while making her initial parachute leap at Hoag Lake Park, Bellingham. Amputation of left leg necessary.



*Milford Events for Fifty Years.*

JULY 14. Thomas J. Murphy, a school committeeman, was elected principal of High school to succeed Dr. I. F. Frisbee. On July 22 the committee elected John C. Hull of Adams as principal, at a \$1,500 salary. Mr. Murphy is to remain as sub-master.

JULY 23. Dillon Bros. awarded contract to build Milford Hospital, from specifications of Robert Allen Cook.

JULY 28. Irving block, Main street, to be reconstructed on second floor for office rooms. The Milford Journal occupied that floor for 30 years as a printing establishment.

JULY 29. Mrs. Georgianna (Fay) Cook widow of Hon. W. H. Cook, sent a check of \$1,000 toward equipping the proposed Milford Hospital, which now has close to \$12,000 for a fund.

JULY 30. Norcross Bros. awarded contract to build the new State Mutual Life Assurance Co. building, at Boston. The building is to cost \$1,000,000.

SEPTEMBER 2. Milford baseball team, one of the best ever representing Milford, disbands. It was the equal, if not the superior of any New England league team and had many National League players in its lineup.

SEPTEMBER 15. Owing to the crowded conditions of the Plains school, the School Committee secured Societa Operaia Italiana hall, Cedar street, for temporary use.

SEPTEMBER 16. Rev. E. W. Whitney, pastor of Universalist Church, and family, tendered reception by parishioners on their return from Europe.

SEPTEMBER 23. Gen. W. F. Draper presents Co. M with \$200 to buy a piano.

SEPTEMBER 27. Hospital field day nets \$1,200.

SEPTEMBER 29. Mrs. Frances D. Colburn of Hopedale, presents Hospital with a gift of \$10,000 in memory of her husband, Charles H. Colburn, and her daughter Miss Helen Colburn.

OCTOBER 3. Milford corps of Salvation Army is to erect a building on a site purchased on Spruce street.

OCTOBER 13. Master Builders' Association votes for an eight-hour day for all employes under its jurisdiction.



### *Milford Events for Fifty Years.*

OCTOBER 14. E. L. Wires presents High school with a beautiful picture of a famous old tower in Florence, Italy.

OCTOBER 18. Strike of carpenters since June 14, declared off by Master Builders granting an eight-hour day.

OCTOBER 30. Atty. John E. Swift chosen principal of night school.

NOVEMBER 4. At State election, E. L. Osgood of Hopedale, was elected Senator and L. E. Fales and J. S. Nason, of Westboro, Representatives.

NOVEMBER 16. Reform wave succeeded in closing today (Sunday) all the confectionery and other stores; newsrooms and drug-gists only, keeping open.

DECEMBER 2. Booker T. Washington, noted negro teacher, addressed a meeting of Quinshipaug Woman's Club and guests.

DECEMBER 9. Cold wave, with thermometers registering 14 degrees below zero. Shortage of coal, due to miners' strike, makes situation acute.

DECEMBER 19. Milford Pink Granite Co. awarded contract to build the McKinley mausoleum at Canton, Ohio, for \$100,000.

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JANUARY 1. Atty. Wendell Williams appointed Special Justice of District Court to succeed Judge L. C. Fales, elected to Legislature.

JANUARY 22. Journeymen painters demand an eight-hour day and a minimum wage of \$2.50 to take effect April 1.

JANUARY 26. During 1902 there were 140 marriages in Milford. Deaths numbered 204.

FEBRUARY 1. Death of Atty. E. Otis Thayer, aged 31. He was the last of the male members of Capt. Rufus Thayer family, prominent in Milford's early history. He also is the first member of Milford Elks to die.

FEBRUARY 5. Milford Water Co. reduces water rates from \$8 to \$6, yearly, for first faucet and the minimum meter rates for families, \$12.



*Milford Events for Fifty Years.*

FEBRUARY 15. Milford Baptist Church rededicates the edifice and commenced a five-day celebration of the semi-centennial of the Church.

FEBRUARY 16. A 12-inch snowfall tied up traffic.

MARCH 3. At Town election Joseph F. Hickey, George E. Stanley, and Lucius E. Heath, were elected Selectmen. It was voted to purchase a new chemical combination wagon for the fire department.

MARCH 8. Fraternal Order of Eagles instituted.

MARCH 20. Daniel M. O'Brien appointed janitor of Town Hall building. (Is still serving the town faithfully in that position, 1930.)

MARCH 23. The Only Club hires the use of the Driving Park for one year, for \$1,100 from Milford Park Co.

APRIL 4. George O. Draper of Hopedale, sells controlling interest in the Milford Pink Granite Construction Company to New York capitalists.

APRIL 11. Captain and Mrs. Joseph Hancock of 111 Purchase street celebrate 60th wedding anniversary. Capt. Hancock was born in Milford, December 6, 1818.

APRIL 17. Miss Mary L. Callanan wins girls' first prize in interscholastic prize-speaking contest in Music Hall. There were also pupils from Holliston, Medway and Uxbridge schools.

APRIL 21. Mr. and Mrs. John Ring celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married by Rev. George Hamilton, first pastor of St. Mary's Church.

APRIL 25. Michael J. Dwyer, of Boston, buys Gillon block on Main street for \$60,000, at auction.

APRIL 29. Formal institution of the John D. Long colony, No. 251, U. O. P. F.

APRIL 29. Oliver street was selected as the site for a new four-room school house.

MAY 4. Opening of new Hub Theatre in Raftery block.

MAY 16. Only Club's new ball team opens season by winning over Woonsocket Gyms, 14 to 1.



*Milford Events for Fifty Years.*

MAY 18. Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Claflin observe 50th wedding anniversary. Mr. Claflin was born in Milford, Sept. 26, 1830.

JUNE 4. Death of George B. Blake, aged 80 years, 3 months, 7 days. He served several terms as Selectman in the 60's and was a Representative to the General Court in 1871 and 1872. He served 60 times as moderator at Town meetings. He was born in Attleboro.

JUNE 11. Largest derrick in New England erected at Milford Quarry Co. plant. The mast stands 97 feet and measures 26 inches in diameter at the base and 24 inches at the top. The boom is 84 feet long, 18 inches through at the base and 14 inches at the top.

JUNE 15. Milford High nine wins the interscholastic baseball league pennant.

JUNE 20. Raise in salaries granted to High school teachers.

JUNE 22. State tax is \$5,175.

JUNE 24. Mrs. Almira (Pierce) Johnson reaches age of 99 years.

JULY 23. Norcross Bros. & Co., of Milford and Worcester goes into the hands of receivers.

JULY 24. Milford Hospital is presented to the people of Milford, the gift of Hon. and Mrs. Eben S. Draper. The presentation took place at Charles River Driving Park before a large gathering and is the only notable beneficial gift ever made to this town.

AUGUST 27. Milford Hospital opened for inspection.

SEPTEMBER 1. Milford Hospital opened today with ten patients. Mark Tiernan, Civil war veteran, first patient admitted.

SEPTEMBER 5. Milford Pink Granite Co. awarded contract to furnish the granite for the John Hancock Life Insurance Co. building, at Boston.

SEPTEMBER 16. Charles River Conclave, Improved Order of Heptasophs, instituted in Elks Hall with 45 charter members.

SEPTEMBER 25. Milford Hospital Aid Association formed in Dewey Hall by Milford and Hopedale residents. Hon. Edward L. Osgood presided.



*Milford Events for Fifty Years.*

SEPTEMBER 26. Bricklayers', masons' and plasterers' unions, ask for an eight-hour day. Bricklayers want 50 cents an hour and plasterers \$3.50 a day.

OCTOBER 5. Twenty-five Milford newsboys formed a union. quarters for the Milford National and Milford Savings Banks.

OCTOBER 15. Thurber Medical Society observed its 50th anniversary.

OCTOBER 17. First baby born in Milford Hospital, a girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Martin J. Fleming.

OCTOBER 22. United States Senator George F. Hoar in Milford today calling on Mrs. Almira P. Johnson, Milford's oldest resident, now in her 100th year.

OCTOBER 24. Rev. Fr. James F. Ahern, Milford native, has been appointed Chancellor of the Springfield diocese.

OCTOBER 27. M. & U. Street Railway Co. voted to reduce the fare on November 2, from ten to five cents from Milford to Holliston, making a ten-cent fare to Framingham.

OCTOBER 30. Bank block being remodeled for separate quarters for the Milford National and Milford Savings Banks.

NOVEMBER 3. At State election, Hon. E. L. Osgood was re-elected Senator and Lowell E. Fales, Representative.

NOVEMBER 10. There is an enrollment of 250 pupils at the night school.

DECEMBER 1. Death of John S. Mead, aged 79. He was a former Selectman, School Committeeman, Superintendent of Streets and was in the meat business.

DECEMBER 6. The first memorial exercises of Milford Lodge of Elks held today. The members marched in a body to Pine Grove cemetery and decorated the grave of its only deceased member, E. Otis Thayer.

DECEMBER 7. Milford Quarry Co. report 146 men at work in its new plant off Dilla street.

DECEMBER 7. Oliver Street school, just completed, opened for sessions today. The building cost \$12,000.

DECEMBER 14. Selectmen refuse permission to conduct boxing matches.



*Milford Events for Fifty Years.*

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JANUARY 2. Fire in Baker block caused a loss to building and tenants of \$10,000.

JANUARY 29. There were 182 deaths and 127 marriages in Milford in 1903.

FEBRUARY 11. State Federation of Women's Clubs holds quarterly meeting in Congregational Church. While in session fire broke out in basement and delegates to the number of 400 go to Universalist Church. Loss by fire estimated at \$1,000.

FEBRUARY 16. St. Mary's Catholic Temperance and Benevolent Association, founded January 26, 1879, disbands.

FEBRUARY 21. Mrs. Maria Nelson Parkhurst celebrated her 91st birthday anniversary today. She is the oldest member of the Universalist Church.

MARCH 7. At annual Town meeting George E. Stanley, Charles W. Carroll and George S. Whitney, were elected Selectmen.

MARCH 12. John H. Scott of Milford appointed by Gov. Bates as State detective. He was Deputy Fire Marshal of Massachusetts.

MARCH 24. A \$5,000 double alarm fire ruins the stable of F. W. Phipps.

MARCH 28. Macuen Bros.' coal yard fire causes loss of \$6,000.

MARCH 29. New granite firm of Hogan & Ross starts business.

APRIL 1. Strike of 300 granite cutters after manufacturers refuse demands.

APRIL 12. First Mechanical and Business exposition of the Milford Y. M. C. A. in Town Hall.

APRIL 14. Resignation of Thomas J. Murphy, as sub-master of Milford High school and member of School Board for two years.

APRIL 28. Work resumed at granite quarries as demands are granted.

APRIL 30. The 85th anniversary of Odd Fellowship in this country observed by local lodges.



*Milford Events for Fifty Years.*

MAY 3. Death of James I. C. Cook, senior proprietor of the Milford Journal, probably the oldest active printer in the United States, aged 86 years, 6 months, 21 days.

MAY 11. Milford gets \$7,000 for state road between B. T. Clancy's residence on West street to Upton town line.

MAY 13. N. Y., N. H. & H. local trains are taken off because of lack of patronage.

MAY 13. There are about 800 granite workers employed in Milford, with a weekly wage of \$13,000.

MAY 18. Death of Sullivan C. Sumner, former Assessor and prominent Mason, aged 68 years.

MAY 28. Dillon Bros. awarded contract for improvements of Golf Club house.

MAY 30. Nearly 400 graves of deceased soldiers marked by comrades of Post 22.

JUNE 8. A bill passed by Legislature gives judge of Milford court salary of \$1,200 and the clerk \$720.

JUNE 8. Dr. H. H. Newcomb, a former Milford veterinary, is a member of the Ziegler-Fiala North Pole expedition.

JUNE 23. Mrs. Almira P. Johnson is 100 years old. She is the oldest W. R. C. member in the country.

JUNE 27. Death of Isaac S. Wood, junior partner of Huckins, Temple & Wood shoe factory. He was killed by a train in Hopkinton while driving an automobile.

JUNE 27. Lightning strikes St. Mary's Church for the second time.

JULY 25. Death of Michael W. Edwards, aged 63 years, ex-Selectman, former Deputy Sheriff and prominent business man.

AUGUST 1. Milford's first Old Home Week celebration.

AUGUST 4. The first automobile parade ever held in Milford. It was the chief event of the fifth day of Old Home Week. There were seventeen machines in the line, led by the 16-horse power Wayne touring car of W. D. Leahy.

AUGUST 5. The trades procession of Old Home Week had 76 floats and was a notable success. It was conducted by the merchants.





Old House on Elm Street, used as an Inn in 1757.  
Mrs. J. F. Haskell and daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth (Haskell) Asquith,  
who appear in picture, resided there in 1905, when this was taken.



One of the early trains over Boston & Albany Railroad.  
The railroad was opened July 1, 1848.





The "Old House," so-called.  
Was built in the Dale, now Hopedale, about 1700,  
enlarged in 1735 and razed in 1874. In it was  
organized, April 15, 1741, the Second Church of  
Mendon, now Milford Congregational Church.



Statue of Rev. Adin Ballou in Ballou Park in Hopedale.  
He was the author of Milford Town History.



*Milford Events for Fifty Years.*

AUGUST 16. Death of Rev. James T. Canavan, pastor of St. Mary's Church, aged 55 years, 1 month, 1 day.

AUGUST 18. Milford Quarry Co.'s plant sells for \$19,000 at auction.

AUGUST 18. First appearance of Sisters of St. Joseph in Milford to have charge of Parochial Schools, formerly taught by Sisters of Notre Dame.

SEPTEMBER 1. One year ago today Milford Hospital was opened. Since then 148 patients have been treated as well as 30 outpatients. Miss Hannah Seavey, the first Superintendent is still in charge.

SEPTEMBER 9. There are 141 pupils in High school.

SEPTEMBER 17. Div. 7, A. O. H., held a firemen's parade and old fashioned muster at Driving Park. Hancocks of Brockton won first prize, \$250, by throwing a stream 180 feet.

SEPTEMBER 24. The largest stone ever taken out of the Milford granite quarries was moved today. It is 90 feet long, 35 feet wide and 25 feet deep. About 100 pounds of dynamite were used in dislodging it.

OCTOBER 16. Milford Pink Granite Co. bid \$668,300 for furnishing granite for National Museum building in Washington, D. C., and secured contract.

OCTOBER 31. Registration of voters for November election total 2,393.

NOVEMBER 8. At State election George F. Birch of Milford and Francis T. Nelson of Upton were elected Representatives.

NOVEMBER 17. State highway commission awards contract to build Upton State road.

NOVEMBER 18. The first demonstration of an X-ray machine in Milford given in Milford Hospital.

NOVEMBER 23. Milford Shoe Co. gives complimentary turkey dinner to 300 employes in the factory.

DECEMBER 4. Death of Eliot Alden, aged 87 years. He was a former boot manufacturer, a lineal descendant of John Alden, oldest member of Tisquantum lodge, Odd Fellows.



*Milford Events for Fifty Years.*

DECEMBER 7. Court Circle, Foresters of America, composed of Italian-speaking residents, instituted in Church Block hall.

DECEMBER 13. Lawrence Reed, Milford native, elected mayor of Woburn. While a resident of Milford he was elected to the Legislature in 1871 and 1876.

DECEMBER 28. Dr. Francis E. Clark of Boston, founder of Christian Endeavor movement, speaks in Congregational Church.

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JANUARY 5. Ex-Governor William Claflin, a native of Milford, dies in Newtonville. He was born March 6, 1818.

JANUARY 10. Death of Ethan C. Claflin, aged 80 years, 6 days, the oldest active Milford business man. He was born and always lived here and was a member of the town's oldest families.

JANUARY 18. There were 190 deaths recorded in Milford in 1904 and 112 marriages.

JANUARY 21. Seventy-nine final naturalization papers were taken out in District Court in 1904, 34 of whom were from Milford.

FEBRUARY 7. Lieut. Robert E. Peary, discoverer of North Pole, lectures before the Quinshipaug Woman's Club.

FEBRUARY 14. Milford Council, Royal and Select Masters, Masons, received its charter, grand officers being present at the session in Masonic Hall.

FEBRUARY 15. Competition among Milford restaurants results in one selling a 21-meal ticket for \$3.50.

FEBRUARY 26. Registration for March election is 2,466. There are 244 female voters.

MARCH 6. At Town election Lucius E. Heath, George E. Stanley and Timothy Burns, were chosen Selectmen.

MARCH 22. A \$10,000 loss by fire in Grant Block, Main street.

MARCH 24. Milford Pink, Norcross Bros. Co., and G. H. Cutting Co., consolidate with a capital of \$2,000,000.

APRIL 5. Milford Pink Granite quarries receive contract to furnish granite for new Pennsylvania Railway station at New York City for \$1,600,000.



*Milford Events for Fifty Years.*

APRIL 18. Old Driving Park Hall destroyed by fire.

APRIL 27. Joseph F. Hickey elected President of Board of Trade.

MAY 16. Death of Ephraim Lewis Wires, aged 70 years, 9 months, 3 days. One of Milford's prominent business men and ex-Selectman.

MAY 24. Managing board of new Italian Church votes to buy Miller property at 5 East Main street for a site for the new building.

MAY 25. Dr. George F. Curley appointed Assistant Medical Examiner of South Worcester district.

JUNE 20. Peter Ross forms a new granite quarry company.

JUNE 26. Milford High school wins 12th place in the Boston Herald contest. A beautiful piece of statuary was the prize.

AUGUST 8. The organ for the new Italian Church was presented by Miss Minnie Murphy.

AUGUST 13. Dedication of the Church of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

AUGUST 14. Total valuation of taxable property this year is \$6,380,612.

SEPTEMBER 12. Valencia Council, K. of C., through Atty. John C. Lynch, executor, receives the fine library of the late Rev. Fr. Thomas J. Fitzgerald, a former chaplain.

SEPTEMBER 13. Death of Oscar C. Woodbury, aged 76, driver of Milford's fire apparatus and highway department teams, since 1869.

SEPTEMBER 15. Cenedella Bros. have received a contract to build a \$300,000 railroad roadbed in Virginia and have contracts on hand totalling \$1,500,000.

SEPTEMBER 18. Dr. H. H. V. Newcomb, veterinarian, with the Ziegler expedition to the North Pole the last two years, returned to Milford.

SEPTEMBER 21. H. D. Carbary, editor and prominent in fraternal societies, tendered reception by Milford citizens and presented purse of \$325. He is to leave Milford to work on a Denver newspaper.



*Milford Events for Fifty Years.*

SEPTEMBER 22. Supt. C. W. Haley announced prize essays for \$20, \$10 and \$5 to be given pupils of Milford and vicinity public schools for best essays on "International Peace and Arbitration."

OCTOBER 2. The house on Prospect street next to the Hospital, owned by Mrs. E. S. Draper of Hopedale, is being remodeled for a nurses' home, Mrs. Draper making the gift to Milford.

OCTOBER 5. Field day for benefit of Hospital nets \$943.50.

OCTOBER 10. State Board of Health warns Selectmen of the Charles River sewage nuisance and the need of an adequate sewerage system in Milford.

OCTOBER 11. Death of Mrs. Maria Nason Parkhurst, aged 92, oldest member of Universalist Church.

OCTOBER 14. Death of Jesse A. Taft, aged 48 years, 8 months, 5 days, prominent lawyer and Town Solicitor several years.

OCTOBER 25. Charles River Driving Park sold today to McNamara & Coughlin of Clinton, for \$8,000. It closes the famous park for sporting attractions as it will be cut up into house lots.

OCTOBER 26. Milford's High school building will be adorned with busts of Venus de Milo, Cicero and Marietta Strozzi; a statue of Caesar Augustus and also portrait studies, gifts of the Boston Herald.

NOVEMBER 7. At State election, George F. Birch of Milford and Francis T. Nelson of Upton, were elected Representatives.

NOVEMBER 17. By defeating Framingham High, 17 to 11, Milford High football team won the Midland league pennant.

NOVEMBER 28. Milford Pink Granite Co. goes into the hands of a receiver. The company has discharged 300 men.

DECEMBER 4. Milford's citizens tender a reception to Eben S. Draper of Hopedale, Lieutenant-Governor elect.

DECEMBER 5. John B. Tracy, a native of Milford, and a graduate of the High school with the Class of 1884, is elected Mayor of Taunton.

DECEMBER 7. The official census gives Milford's population as 12,105.



*Milford Events for Fifty Years.*

DECEMBER 11. Webb Pink Granite Co., recently organized, receives a contract for \$200,000 to furnish granite for the John Hancock Insurance Co.'s building in Boston.

DECEMBER 15. Napoleon B. Johnson, 78 years old, cashier of Home National Bank since its organization 30 years ago, is to retire January 1. He will be succeeded by Horace A. Brown.

DECEMBER 25. Death of Mrs. Almira Pierce Johnson, 101 years, 4 days old, Milford's oldest resident and oldest member of the Relief Corps in America.

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JANUARY 2. John F. Holland, a Milford native and graduate of Harvard college, made Master of Chancery of the Superior Court of Cook County, Illinois.

JANUARY 6. Reports for 1905 show 207 deaths and 135 marriages.

JANUARY 8. Webb Pink Granite Co. awarded contract to furnish granite for the 20-story building of the Commercial National Bank of Chicago for \$250,000.

JANUARY 26. Telephone Co. reduces telephone rates from \$42 to \$39 for business houses, a reduction from \$27 to \$25 for a two-party and one of \$25 to \$21 for a six-party residence line.

FEBRUARY 4. The first marriage of two members of the Orthodox Hebrew faith, ever performed in Milford was today. Harris Freeman of Milford and Miss Annie Powerman, who arrived here from Russia two weeks ago, were the principals. Rabbi Nathan Fletcher performed the ceremony.

FEBRUARY 6. Rev. Fr. Michael T. Burke, senior curate of St. Mary's Church, dies, aged 36.

FEBRUARY 8. Fire engineers report fire loss for 1905 of \$8,889.42.

FEBRUARY 16. Physicians in Milford and Hopedale have voted to increase the price of day calls from \$1 to \$1.50; night calls from \$1 to \$2 and office calls from 50 cents to \$1.

FEBRUARY 23. The F. W. Mann Co., bone-cutter manufacturers, incorporated.



*Milford Events for Fifty Years.*

FEBRUARY 25. Milford Italian-speaking residents have Mardi Gras parade.

FEBRUARY 27. Total registration for March Town election is 2,417 males and 237 females.

MARCH 1. Milford master carpenters voluntarily increase pay of carpenters from \$2.50 to \$2.86 a day to take effect May 1.

MARCH 5. Annual Town election resulted in the choice for Selectmen, Timothy Burns, Lucius E. Heath and Michael S. McMahon.

MARCH 6. Granite Klippan Lodge, Order of Vasa, composed of Swedish-speaking residents, formed.

MARCH 9. Milford voted at adjourned Town meeting for a modern sewerage system. Killed the proposed armory building and to petition the General Court to borrow \$150,000 in excess of debt limit for the construction of the sewer.

MARCH 13. James E. Walker was chosen chairman and O. F. Croughwell, secretary, of new sewerage committee.

MARCH 16. Midland Athletic League composed of High schools of Milford, Grafton, Framingham, Needham, North Attleboro, Westboro and Woonsocket, formed.

MARCH 16. Deposits in Milford Savings Bank are \$2,608,-149.37, credited to 8,360 accounts.

APRIL 13. Highway department employes given an eight-hour day at \$2 rate.

APRIL 15. Fares on B. & A. and Street Railway raised from 10 cents to 15 cents to Framingham.

APRIL 15. Joseph P. Gallagher, former editor, former sexton of St. Mary's Church, and former U. S. Deputy Marshal, dies, aged 55 years.

APRIL 16. Snow & Barbour of Boston chosen engineers for construction of Milford's sewerage system.

APRIL 21. Lightning struck the Norcross plant of Milford Stone Co., causing loss by fire estimated at \$10,000.

APRIL 26. Milford citizens subscribe \$4,000 for removal of Crafts, Harrington Co., Brockton shoe manufacturers, to Colburn, Fuller & Co. shop.



*Milford Events for Fifty Years.*

MAY 2. Gov. Curtis Guild, Jr., today signed the Milford sewerage bill.

MAY 2. Atty. Clifford A. Cook appointed an Associate Justice of District Court.

MAY 16. Milford citizens contribute \$1,848.98 for the San Francisco earthquake sufferers.

MAY 25. Milford Odd Fellows honored Mr. and Mrs. John L. Smith on their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

JUNE 2. Milford is now in the Fourth Senatorial district, having been shifted from the fifth.

JUNE 6. John C. Hull, principal of Milford High school since 1902, elected principal of Leominster High.

JUNE 8. Selectman Timothy Burns is to build a business block on Main street next to Milford National Bank building to cost \$10,000, with residential houses in rear.

JUNE 14. Associate Justice C. A. Cook presided at session of District Court today for the first time.

JUNE 21. Washington Hall block badly damaged by fire, causing a loss of \$25,000.

JUNE 21. Class of 1906, Milford High school, held graduation exercises in Town Hall. Lieut.-Gov. E. S. Draper presented diplomas to 31 graduates. John E. Doherty was valedictorian and also winner of \$20 prize for best essay on "International Peace and Arbitration."

JUNE 28. Governor Curtis Guild, Jr., and staff, visit Milford.

JULY 19. Engineer Barbour estimates \$277,348.15 as the cost of Milford's proposed sewerage system.

JULY 20. At special Town meeting Milford votes to appropriate \$150,000 for sewer construction.

AUGUST 1. Construction of the new cement building on the Shippee estate commenced.

AUGUST 13. The Crafts, Harrington Shoe Co. paid off its help and suspended operations indefinitely. About 200 hands are affected.

AUGUST 16. Home National Bank installs new vault.



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AUGUST 16. The tax rate is to be \$19.

AUGUST 17. Worcester County Commissioners put Milford, Mendon, Hopedale, Northbridge and Upton into District nine. It has 5,420 voters and is entitled to two Representatives to General Court.

AUGUST 20. Rev. Fr. McGrath, the pastor, is building a granite wall, to cost \$2,000, on the Cedar street side of St. Mary's cemeteries and has beautified both cemeteries.

AUGUST 21. Crafts, Harrington & Co., shoe manufacturers, resumed business today.

AUGUST 24. Assessors report \$6,526,774 valuation. They find 3,982 taxable polls.

AUGUST 24. George F. Murdock, of Warren, R. I., chosen principal of High school and Miss Genevieve M. Touhey, drawing teacher.

AUGUST 24. Bruno, Salomone & Petetti given contract to build the disposal plant and J. E. Burns & Co. the contract for the intercepting sewer by the sewer committee. The former's bid was \$35,272.50 and the latter's \$29,526.50.

AUGUST 27. Raftery block hall secured for an armory for use of Co. M.

AUGUST 28. Assessors' figures show 614 horses, 346 cows, 56 neat cattle, 35 swine, 1,980 dwelling houses, and 8,751 acres of land in Milford.

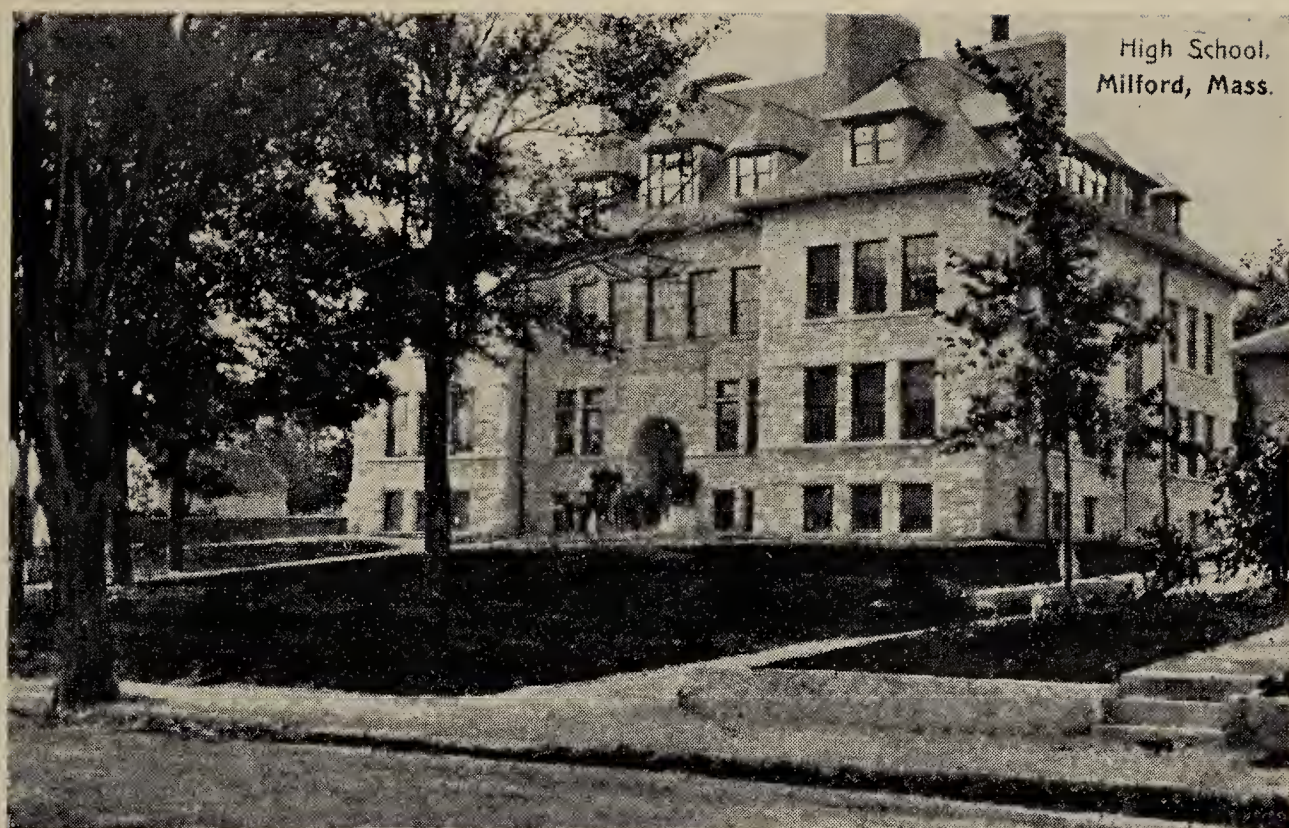
AUGUST 29. Ambrogio Lordi is to build a two-story wooden business and dwelling block at 101 East Main street, costing \$7,000.

## 1907.

JANUARY 1. Archer Rubber Co. incorporated with these officers: President, John T. Callahan; treasurer, Franklin P. Lee; vice-president, Dr. F. T. Harvey. The company is to manufacture rubber clothing, rubberized fabrics, etc.

JANUARY 9. "Connaught Rangers," composed of natives of County Cork, Ireland, and their male descendants, formed with 75 members.





Our present High School Building.



Old Church Block in rear, built by Universalist Society in 1820.





Milford Hospital—1930.



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JANUARY 14. Capt. John F. Barrett, of Co. M, told his command that he desires to retire, having served ten years as captain.

JANUARY 18. Selectmen refuse permit to members of the Mormon Church to conduct meetings on streets and squares of the town.

JANUARY 21. Heath's Block, Main street, was badly damaged by fire. Loss is \$10,000.

FEBRUARY 2. John H. Stratton buys the Lincoln House property and also the Crescent House in the rear.

FEBRUARY 15. Charles F. Claflin will build a modern two-story business block at 213 and 215 Main street with a frontage of 50 feet and a depth of 75 feet.

FEBRUARY 23. Registration closes for March election with 2,420 men and 240 women.

FEBRUARY 24. Coldest morning of the year, mercury registering 14 degrees below zero in outlying sections.

FEBRUARY 26. Capt. Richmond Pearson Hobson, hero of Spanish-American war, addressed Quinshipaug Woman's Club, on "America's Mighty Mission."

FEBRUARY 27. Death of Otis Whitney, aged 86, Milford's oldest business man. Lived here since he was 13 years old and built many of the business blocks and houses.

MARCH 1. Boston & Albany Railroad Co. announces they will built a new passenger depot here at an estimated cost of \$12,000.

MARCH 5. Selectmen chosen at annual Town meeting: Michael S. McMahon, Lucius E. Heath and Timothy Burns.

MARCH 26. Death of Isaac N. Crosby, a native of Milford, in Woonsocket, R. I., aged 82 years, 8 months, 15 days. Was a former Milford business man, ex-Selectman and Assessor. In 1879 and 1880 he represented Mendon, Hopedale and Milford in the General Court.

APRIL 10. First concert and ball by the Elks over 200 couples attending.

MAY 1. Milford Aerie, F. O. Eagles, holds first annual concert and dance.



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MAY 2. A new nine-position switchboard and other telephone apparatus installed in the new office in the new Shippee building.

MAY 21. A new bill was signed giving the striking granite cutters and tool sharpeners 42 cents an hour for five years, with half-holiday on Saturday except from October to April next winter, when the men will work a full day. This ends the 1907 granite strike.

MAY 22. Boston Odd Fellows arrive in town to present the "Three Links," to Milford lodge.

JUNE 14. A \$1,000,000 building contract awarded to Webb Pink Granite Co. for Cuyahoga County Courthouse at Cleveland, Ohio.

JUNE 14. Stuart C. Godfrey, the first Milford boy to graduate from West Point Military Academy. He received the highest honors the Academy ever conferred upon a graduate.

JUNE 21. Twenty-three pupils graduated from High school. Diplomas were presented by Lieut.-Gov. Draper of Hopedale.

JULY 7. Death of Nahum B. Fairbanks, for 53 years a member and officer of Milford fire department. He was born in Milford Dec. 27, 1836. He was elected engineer of the first steamer Milford bought and was also superintendent of the fire alarm telegraph service.

AUGUST 10. The 10 mile race from the Stanley House in West Medway to Lake Nipmuc Park in Mendon, was won by John Miller of West Medway. Time, 1 hour, 7 minutes, 20 seconds.

AUGUST 30. Price of milk advanced from six to seven cents a quart.

SEPTEMBER 2. Automobile, civic and military parade and firemen's muster for the benefit of Milford Hospital.

SEPTEMBER 3. Regal Shoe Co., shoe manufacturers, are to remove their plant from Whitman to the vacant Colburn & Fuller shoe shop on North Bow Street.

SEPTEMBER 7. Postponed field day sports for benefit of the Hospital conducted on Town park.

SEPTEMBER 14. Death of Henry E. Morgan, Milford's oldest



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druggist, aged 67. He was the owner of Music Hall Block, lived here 50 years and was manager of Music Hall theatre.

SEPTEMBER 25. Milford High school will not be represented by a football or basketball team this year.

SEPTEMBER 28. Webb Granite Co.'s power plant destroyed by fire causing a loss of \$8,000.

SEPTEMBER 30. Old Lyceum theatre reopened as a moving picture and vaudeville house.

OCTOBER 1. Thomas J. Murphy, sub-master of High school, Grand Knight of Valencia Council, K. of C., dies, aged 35 years. He was born and always lived in Milford.

OCTOBER 8. James C. Luby appointed principal of night school.

OCTOBER 14. Massachusetts State Branch of the American Federation of Labor opened its sessions in Town House building. There were 158 delegates.

OCTOBER 20. Death of Alfred Goucher, hotel proprietor, Civil war veteran and widely-known citizen, aged 70 years, 2 months, 13 days.

OCTOBER 25. Announcement made that the mortgage of \$2,000 on the Salvation Army Citadel on Spruce street is paid.

OCTOBER 29. Israel Sawyer Patch, aged 83, pioneer railroad man, died in the brick house on East Main street where he had lived over 60 years.

NOVEMBER 5. At State election S. Alden Eastman of Milford and Edward C. Lyford of Upton were elected Representatives.

NOVEMBER 8. The fair for the Hospital benefit netted \$2,281.56.

NOVEMBER 8. Certus Club, prominent for many years in Milford, disbands.

NOVEMBER 11. Regal Shoe Co. commenced manufacturing shoes in Milford.

NOVEMBER 20. A union of the horseshoers is formed with James H. Murphy as president.

NOVEMBER 22. Eighteen residents desire to become charter members of a Grange. On November 26 it was voted to form the



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society and fifty-five were made charter members. Chester L. Clark was elected Master.

NOVEMBER 27. Milford Shoe Co. gives its annual complimentary turkey dinner to its employes.

NOVEMBER 28. Seven weddings were solemnized in Milford today, Thanksgiving day.

DECEMBER 6. School Committee votes that no scholar in High school be allowed to participate in athletic contests against other High schools unless the scholar has a passing mark in all his studies.

DECEMBER 20. Death of James C. Coffey, fireman, old-time pedestrian and bill poster, aged 65. He lived here 50 years and gained notoriety in 1876 by pushing a wheelbarrow, accompanied by John Cooley, also of Milford, from the State House in Boston to Philadelphia.

### 1908.

JANUARY 9. During 1907 there were 177 marriages, 385 births and 265 deaths in Milford.

JANUARY 29. Webb Granite Co. quarries an eighteen-ton slab, eight feet high and seven feet across for a monument in a Winchester cemetery.

JANUARY 30. Milford merchants agreed to close their business places at 6 o'clock every night commencing February 3, excepting Thursday and Saturday.

FEBRUARY 2. Protestant preaching services started in the Plains district.

FEBRUARY 4. At special Town meeting a sewerage assessment plan was adopted and it was voted to petition the Legislature to borrow \$50,000 outside the debt limit to complete the sewerage system.

FEBRUARY 12. Commencing May 1 plumbers will work eight hours a day, agreements being signed today.

FEBRUARY 24. S. B. Stifter, who conducted the Hub theatre and later the Lyceum, closes the latter and is to remove from town.



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MARCH 2. Town meeting chooses for Selectmen: John A. McKenzie, Matthew J. Carbary and Michael S. McMahon.

MARCH 3. Death of John Smith, aged 75. He was former Overseer of Poor and Janitor of Town Hall building.

MARCH 6. Milford voters appropriated \$149,945 for 1908.

March 10. Death of Dr. William J. Welch, aged 41. Was born and always lived in Milford and was prominent in its activities.

MARCH 22. Death of Judge Charles A. Dewey, aged 77. He was the oldest judge in point of service in Massachusetts, having presided over the Milford District Court for 45 years. He was admitted to the bar in 1854, coming to Milford in 1859.

MARCH 27. Three lives were lost and five people injured in a fire in the tenement block at 99 Central street.

APRIL 1. Milford's granite industry at a standstill owing to labor difficulties.

APRIL 15. Incendiary fire, the tenth in a short period, caused loss of \$2,000 in Gillon Block.

APRIL 17. Cinosam Club composed of 25 Masons, dedicated its new quarters in Washington Hall block.

MAY 1. Quidnunc Associates, for 31 years prominent in social activities, disbands.

MAY 3. Rev. Fr. David F. McGrath, pastor of St. Mary's Church, announced that the parish debt is cleared.

MAY 5. Fire today caused a loss of \$15,000 to Coolidge Block, Main street.

MAY 16. Assurances received from Congressman John W. Weeks that Milford will get a new \$80,000 Post Office building.

MAY 19. The prolonged granite strike ended today.

MAY 28. Rt. Rev. Thomas D. Beaven, Bishop of Springfield diocese, confirmed a class of 300 in St. Mary's Church.

JUNE 4. Milford allotted \$6,000 for a state road on the Holiston highway.



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JUNE 18. Twenty-three pupils, Class of 1908, High school graduated in Town Hall tonight, receiving diplomas from Gov. Eben S. Draper.

JUNE 23. Associate Justice Clifford A. Cook appointed Judge of District Court by Gov. Curtis Guild, Jr.

JULY 6. Edward R. Clarke of Scituate chosen principal of High school.

JULY 14. Dr. John J. Duggan paid the first sewer tax.

JULY 14. James F. Stratton elected State president of the fraternal order of Eagles.

JULY 15. Atty. Chester F. Williams named Associate Justice of District Court by Gov. Guild.

JULY 23. Milford Gaslight Co. reduces the price of gas from \$1.70 to \$1.60 per 1,000 feet.

AUGUST 13. Among the bequests in the will of Emilie Albee are: Milford Hospital, \$100; Town of Milford, \$200; Milford Y. M. C. A., \$125 and Y. P. S. C. E. of Congregational Church, \$75.

AUGUST 15. Assessors announced the tax rate as \$22.

AUGUST 16. Mrs. Sarah L. Fisher, a resident of Milford since 1834, dies, aged 92. With her husband, she was one of the founders of the Baptist Church.

AUGUST 17. At special Town meeting voters appropriated \$5,950 and authorized a bond issue of \$50,000. \$2,500 is for a stone crushing plant; \$500 for a new boiler for Memorial Hall building; \$2,000 for poor department and \$1,200 for sewer connections for the Spruce street school. Salaries for Sewer Commissioners were voted: \$250 for the Chairman and \$200 each for the other two members.

AUGUST 29. One of the largest blocks of granite ever quarried in Milford is at the Webb Granite quarry, Dilla street. It is 22 feet high, 30 feet wide and 75 feet long.

SEPTEMBER 11. Enrollment in public schools, 1,890.

SEPTEMBER 17. Milford Pink Granite Co. sold at public auction for \$200,000 to A. M. White of New York.

SEPTEMBER 18. Milford public school children gave a very



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creditable exhibition in Town Hall, at which vegetables, flowers, cooking and sewing were displayed.

SEPTEMBER 24. Earl Vasile of Milford won the road race from Milford Town Hall to Upton Town Hall in 32 minutes.

OCTOBER 12. Crime is on the decrease in Milford according to criminal report of Clerk W. G. Pond of District Court. There were but 298 criminal cases tried, the lowest in ten years.

OCTOBER 17. School census returns show 2,179 children between the ages of five and fifteen.

OCTOBER 24. Registration for November State election closed with 2,335.

OCTOBER 29. Death of Lloyd Halsey Cook, a native and always a resident of Milford, aged 88 years, 9 months, 23 days. He started the first meat market here in 1849, opened the first real estate office in 1860 and continued it until his death.

NOVEMBER 3. In the State election William R. Burke and S. Alden Eastman, both of Milford, were chosen Representatives and George F. Birch, Senator, Lieut-Gov. Eben S. Draper of Hopedale, was elected Governor.

NOVEMBER 9. Mr. and Mrs. Asaph Withington today attained their 56th wedding anniversary.

NOVEMBER 17. Death of Judge Charles E. Whitney, aged 72 years and 23 days. He was born in Milford, was a former member of School Committee and a prominent Mason. He was appointed Special Justice of District Court in 1872 and later a Probation Officer.

NOVEMBER 29. Courts Milford and Civile, Foresters of America, entertained 1,500 Foresters in Town Hall, where the degree was conferred on a class of 75 by Court Milford's champion degree team. Grand officers were present.

DECEMBER 1. Michael F. O'Connell, Milford native, elected Mayor of Fitchburg.

DECEMBER 8. Death of Rowland Folger, aged 85 years, resident here 50 years. Had worked as ship carpenter and been on whaling voyages; was among those in the famous gold rush of 1849; engaged in the sign painting business here.



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DECEMBER 10. The first graduating exercises of the Milford Hospital Training School for Nurses, held in Knights of Columbus Hall. Five girls received diplomas.

DECEMBER 11. Milford Grange celebrates first anniversary.

DECEMBER 14. Annual report of M. & U. Street Railway Co. shows it carried 3,023,360 passengers in year ending December 1. The M., A. & W. Street Railway Co. carried 1,783,501 passengers.

DECEMBER 15. Capt. W. G. Pond of Co. M is to be on the staff of Gov.-elect Eben S. Draper.

DECEMBER 16. Miss Hannah M. Seavey, superintendent of Milford Hospital since its institution three years ago, resigns.

DECEMBER 22. Luigi De Pasquale wins gold medal in the prize speaking contest for High school students.

DECEMBER 22. Gov.-elect Draper sends checks to all Churches in Milford for Christmas gifts to aid the needy.

### 1909.

JANUARY 4. John P. Daniels resigns as a director of Milford National Bank after 33 years' service.

JANUARY 7. There were 99 marriages performed in Milford in 1908 and 209 deaths.

JANUARY 12. Miss Sarah A. Crawford succeeds Miss Hannah M. Seavey as Superintendent of Hospital.

JANUARY 23. Milford's first auto show held in Milford Auto Machine Co.'s garage.

JANUARY 26. Loss by fire to buildings and contents in Milford in 1908 was \$18,778.52.

JANUARY 29. F. P. Lee buys the factory and equipment of Milford Rubber Co.

FEBRUARY 1. Dillon Bros. awarded contract to build a two-story business block on Main street for C. F. Claflin and Mrs. Josephine B. Thayer for \$25,000.

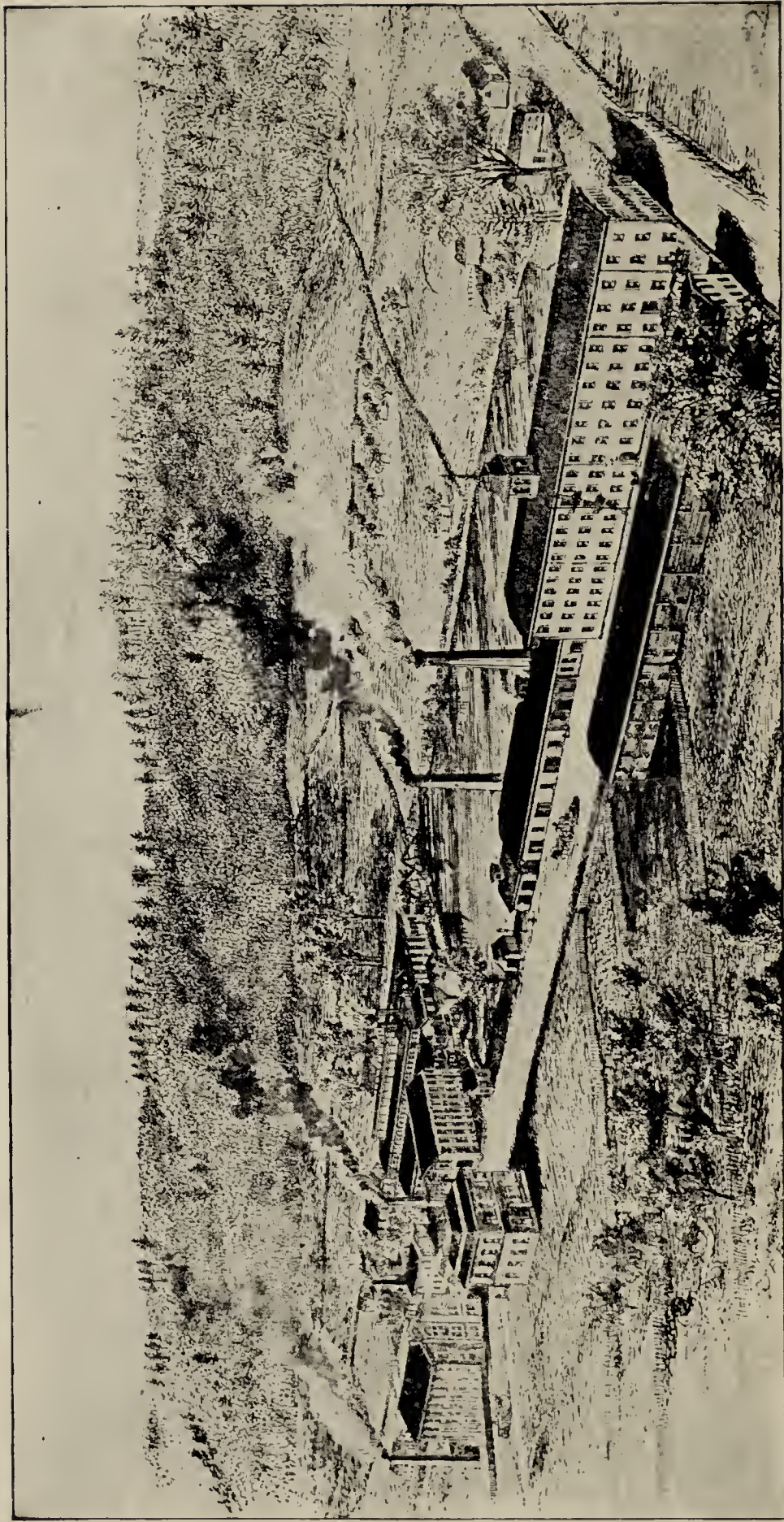
FEBRUARY 5. Town Solicitor John C. Lynch will have incorporated in the Town report, the first report in the Town's history of the doings of that office.





Nurses' Home—1930.





Draper Company Plant, Hopedale, about 50 years ago, then a part of Milford.



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FEBRUARY 13. Milford citizens contributed \$207.40 for the earthquake sufferers in Italy.

FEBRUARY 15. Board of Trade subscribes \$1,000 for the purchase of a gasoline engine and heating plant for the Three K Shoe factory.

FEBRUARY 20. Registrars of Voters report 2,396 males and 221 females on voting list. There are 3,366 assessed polls.

FEBRUARY 23. Death in Worcester of Patrick J. Drew, aged 74. Was former resident of Milford; formulated the first rules of Milford fire department.

MARCH 2. At Town election M. J. Carbary, E. F. Lilley and John A. McKenzie were elected Selectmen.

MARCH 4. L. K. Barber starts making shoes for babies in Milford.

MARCH 8. Death of John F. Tobin, aged 43 years, of Webber & Tobin, for 14 years proprietors of Hotel Willian.

MARCH 20. Loyal Sears Lodge, I. O. O. F., M. U., instituted in Milford.

MARCH 23. Milford Nest, Order of Owls, holds first meeting.

MARCH 31. Merging of the two Italian societies, Societa Operai and the Victor Emanuel.

MARCH 6. Milford's financial standing in the State tax report is, assets, \$371,000; liabilities, \$288,500.

MARCH 7. Judge C. A. Cook, counsel for the Park Building Trust, received a check from the United States government for \$17,000, for the land which is to be used as a site for the new post office.

MARCH 11. Death of Aaron Brigham, Milford's oldest voter, aged 92 years, 4 days.

MARCH 15. Death of Clinton R. Scott, aged 53 years, former Selectman.

MARCH 17. Death of Napoleon B. Johnson, who for over thirty years was cashier of Home National Bank, aged 80 years, 9 months, 19 days.



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MAY 29. Dr. Franklin W. Mann of Milford receives high praise from noted experts on the appearance of a volume called "The Bullet's Flight From Powder to Target."

MAY 29. Mayhew House, built in 1854, by the late Hon. A. C. Mayhew, now occupied by Charles W. Shippee, and the Chapin House built by Capt. Perry, will be moved back from the Main street to make way for the new post office.

MAY 30. The new flag staff, on the lawn of Memorial Hall, was dedicated with fitting ceremonies. The presentation was made by Selectman M. J. Carbary on behalf of the Town to Post 22.

JUNE 15. Death of Milford's oldest woman, Mrs. Rachel Steele, aged 95 years, 5 months, 21 days.

JUNE 25. Twenty-eight pupils graduate from High school, Governor Eben S. Draper presenting diplomas in Town Hall.

JULY 21. New M. & U. Street sprinkler praised by Main street merchants.

AUGUST 28. Milford's tax rate for 1909 is \$17; total valuation, \$8,719,763.

AUGUST 30. Death of Charles F. Claflin, leading business man, at the age of 79 years, 11 months, 14 days. He was president of Milford National Bank, Director in many corporations and a large property owner. He was Selectman for three years and represented Milford in the Legislature in 1861.

SEPTEMBER 1. Game wardens distributed 20,000 trout in brooks of Milford and vicinity.

SEPTEMBER 7. Cenedella & Co. awarded contract to build Section 7 of the sewer for \$9,122.20.

SEPTEMBER 14. Assessors report 3,694 polls.

SEPTEMBER 18. Draper Co. baseball team defeated Milford, 6 to 0 in Milford Town Park before 2,800.

SEPTEMBER 25. George E. Stacy, for 50 years owner of a periodical store in Stacy block, retires.

SEPTEMBER 25. Draper Co. baseball team defeated Milford for the third consecutive time, 4 to 3.



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SEPTEMBER 29. Milford High school football team won its opening game from Hopkinton High, 34 to 0.

OCTOBER 9. Annual inspection and exhibition of Milford fire department. A feature of the parade was the presence of four former engineers of the fire department, whose combined ages totalled 342 years. They were: John P. Daniels, Milford's oldest citizen, aged 94; Albert C. Withington, 84; Asaph Withington, 82, and J. Munroe Mason, 84 years.

OCTOBER 13. Selectmen granted M., A. & W. Street Railway Co. a franchise to carry freight and newspapers.

OCTOBER 21. Death of Dr. John M. Eaton, aged 80. He began practising medicine in Milford in 1872. He was a veteran of the Civil war.

OCTOBER 23. Total registration for fall election is 2,402.

NOVEMBER 2. At State election W. R. Burke of Milford, and Adin A. Messinger, of Hopedale, were elected Representatives.

NOVEMBER 3. Milford Commandery, Knights Templar, celebrated the golden jubilee of its organization in Masonic Hall, with 250 Masons present, including grand officers of the order.

NOVEMBER 9. Mr. and Mrs. Asaph Withington attained their fifty-seventh wedding anniversary today.

NOVEMBER 10. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Coyne attained their fifty-ninth wedding anniversary today. He is a Civil war veteran and messenger at State House.

NOVEMBER 25. There are 2,257 school children between ages of five and fifteen.

DECEMBER 11. New Boston & Albany railroad passenger station completed.

DECEMBER 25. Christmas has a blizzard which completely tied up railway service.

DECEMBER 28. Milford Water Co. increased its water rates from \$6 to \$7 for the first faucet and the minimum meter rate from \$10 to \$12.

DECEMBER 31. Postmaster Cook reports sales of \$1,000 in postage in the five days preceding Christmas, the largest holiday business.



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1910.

JANUARY 6. The recent blizzard cost Milford \$500 for the removal of snow.

JANUARY 7. Total enrollment at night school is 287, of which 121 were illiterates. Principal James E. Luby has 12 assistant teachers.

JANUARY 10. Milford citizens raise \$5,000 for Carroll, Hixon, Jones Co.'s straw manufactory repairs and alterations; \$15,000 more will be raised by a mortgage.

JANUARY 11. Selectmen grant permission of owners of fast horses to use Congress street for a speedway and the horsemen are leveling the snow and getting the course in readiness for racing.

JANUARY 13. There were 151 marriages during 1909.

JANUARY 13. F. S. Howard claims he drove a Maxwell 30-horse power, four-cylinder auto, from Boston to Milford, in one hour and forty minutes, which is a record.

JANUARY 18. Milford Lodge, I. O. O. F., held its first annual concert and dance in Town Hall.

JANUARY 19. Massachusetts Senate is asked to abate the taxes on Congregational Park.

JANUARY 19. Milford Lodge, Odd Fellows, votes to leave Gilon Block and remove to Coolidge Block which they bought and renovated at a cost of \$10,000. The lodge will occupy the second and third floors.

JANUARY 21. President S. Alden Eastman of Board of Trade and a committee are investigating the granite situation, which is practically idle, four plants being shut down.

JANUARY 28. Gen. William F. Draper died in Washington, aged 67 years, 9 months, 20 days. He was an eminently successful business man, a leader in political affairs of State and Nation, serving as Congressman and Ambassador to Italy. He was a veteran of the Civil war, having an enviable record. Funeral services were on February 2 in Hopedale, both towns joining in honoring his memory.



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FEBRUARY 6. Public memorial services in Milford Town Hall for Gen. Draper. His immediate family was present, as were also former comrades in the Grand Army and others.

FEBRUARY 22. New gymnasium of Y. M. C. A. dedicated.

FEBRUARY 25. Total registration for March election is 2,418 males and 205 females.

MARCH 7. At Town election Matthew J. Carbary, Edwin F. Lilley and John A. McKenzie were chosen Selectmen.

MARCH 9. Death of Atty. Gustavus B. Williams, a prominent citizen and attorney, aged 76 years. He was a veteran of the Civil war.

MARCH 18. Milford High school seniors go on trip to Washington, the only class from this town to take this journey.

APRIL 1. Death of Perley M. Hunt, native of Milford, aged 70 years, 1 month, 25 days; was inspector for board of health and also a police officer.

APRIL 29. Death of Frederick J. Egan, senior member of Egan & Larkin, aged 37 years.

MAY 5. Milford's allotment for state highway construction this year is \$10,000.

MAY 16. Rev. Rocco Petrarca officiates at the blessing and benediction of the new bell, named Santa Maria, for Sacred Heart of Jesus Church.

MAY 18. Town votes to retain both the electric and gasoline system of lighting.

MAY 20. Capt. William G. Pond is appointed clerk of district court by Gov. Eben S. Draper, for third term.

MAY 31. Emmet Associates hold farewell banquet.

JUNE 6. Milford Elks hold first automobile carnival, twenty-three cars in line.

JUNE 8. Heber D. Bowker succeeds the late G. B. Williams as president of the Milford Hospital.

JUNE 15. Selectmen sign contract with the Globe Gaslight Co. of Boston to furnish 163 gasoline street lights to burn all night and every night for the next three years.



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JUNE 15. The first Society Circus is held by the Milford Elks.

JUNE 23. Graduation class of Milford High school numbered 19.

JUNE 24. The second annual commencement of St. Mary's High school in Town Hall. Diplomas presented by Rt. Rev. Bishop Thomas D. Beaven. James L. Clancy won Holy Cross scholarship.

JUNE 28. Death of Patrick Dillon, successful building contractor of Milford, aged 65 years, 5 months, 2 days. He was a veteran of the Civil war and a member of Post 22.

JULY 22. William Murray and J. Roy Kerr have passed bar examinations.

AUGUST 3. Tax rate is fixed at \$17. The total valuation of real and personal estate is \$9,328,360. There are 4,066 polls.

AUGUST 5. Fire engineers rule that after November 1, all local firemen must be citizens of Milford.

SEPTEMBER 3. The census bureau places the town's population at 12,834.

SEPTEMBER 7. First Congregational Parish votes to accept offer of \$10,000 by Mrs. W. F. Draper, for their park, for site for a memorial to her husband.

OCTOBER 3. The Universalist Church starts exercises commemorating the 125th anniversary of that Church.

OCTOBER 14. The first Columbus Day is given big celebration. Milford Italians held parade, sports and fireworks. Valencia Council members take part in the parade in Boston.

OCTOBER 23. Dedication of new organ at St. Mary's Church. Prof. John A. O'Shea of Boston, a native of Milford gave a recital.

OCTOBER 27. Death of James F. Stratton, native of Milford, at the age of 56 years. He was landlord of Hotel Rockingham and had been State Representative.

OCTOBER 31. Registration numbers 2,440, the largest voting list Milford has had.

NOVEMBER 9. The Senatorial vote was: Joseph S. Gates of Westboro, 5,309; John C. Lynch of Milford, 5,306. There was a recount and Mr. Gates had 5,306 and Mr. Lynch 5,296 votes. Wm.



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R. Burke and Edwin F. Lilley of Milford are elected Representatives.

NOVEMBER 21. Milford High football team defeats Hudson High, here, 7-0.

NOVEMBER 28. Mr. and Mrs. Adolphus Tyler, North Milford, celebrate their 58th wedding anniversary.

DECEMBER 9. The first "Pop" concert was held in Town Hall as an aid to the Hospital fund.

DECEMBER 27. Death of Miss Susan E. Inman, aged 63 years. 11 months. She taught school in Milford for 40 years.

### 1911.

JANUARY 3. There were 275 deaths in Milford in 1910 and 130 marriages.

JANUARY 5. Death of Henry S. Cushman, prominent business man, at the age of 76 years. He was a harness maker.

JANUARY 7. Superintendent C. W. Haley of the Milford public schools resigns to take effect at close of school year.

JANUARY 15. Death of Albert Halsey Sweet, aged 68 years, 29 days. He was for over 33 years a local druggist.

JANUARY 19. Judge Clifford A. Cook declined to be a candidate for re-election as Town treasurer, having served 22 years.

JANUARY 30. The Milford Jungle, No. 30, Fraternal Order of Tigers, was formally instituted in Eagles' Hall, with a charter list of 182 members.

FEBRUARY 15. Formal dedication of the opening of the remodeled Trinity Parish house.

MARCH 1. Mariano De Minico wins a full bench Supreme court decision against Stonecutters' union for \$500 with interest from January 10, 1910. De Minico sued the union alleging discrimination against him and causing him to lose employment.

MARCH 6. At Town election Selectmen chosen are: M. J. Carbary, James H. Reynolds and John B. Henderson. Adjourned meeting makes appropriations of \$181,450.



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MARCH 11. The New York postoffice building will be built of Milford granite at a bid of \$2,515,267 by the Fuller Construction Co. Webb Pink Granite Co. will furnish the granite.

MARCH 11. Capt. W. G. Pond of Co. M received notice today from the Armory Commission to make a grade plan of the Pearl street lot, where the new armory for the company is to be erected.

MARCH 15. Baseball men decided on a four-team circuit comprising teams from Milford, Woonsocket, Hopedale and Whitinsville.

MARCH 17. Plans for the new postoffice building received from Washington by Postmaster George G. Cook.

MARCH 22. Milford Lodge, Odd Fellows, dedicated their new quarters in Coolidge Block with grand officers and notables of the Order present.

MARCH 24. John L. Smith, a resident of Milford 60 years and an Odd Fellow almost 50, was tendered a reception by his fellow members of Tisquantum Lodge in their hall. He was given a purse of gold and his wife was similarly honored by the Rebekahs. Both are to leave Milford to permanently reside in Claremont, N. H.

MARCH 26. Rev. Rocco Petrarca denounces the meeting of alleged Anarchists and Socialists in Driving Park hall and calls upon the police to stop further meetings.

MARCH 29. Fire at Greene Bros'. heel manufactory caused loss of \$5,000.

APRIL 8. All the holdings of the Massachusetts Pink Granite Co. in Milford including 100 acres of quarry land, cutting sheds, equipment, etc., have been purchased by New York parties.

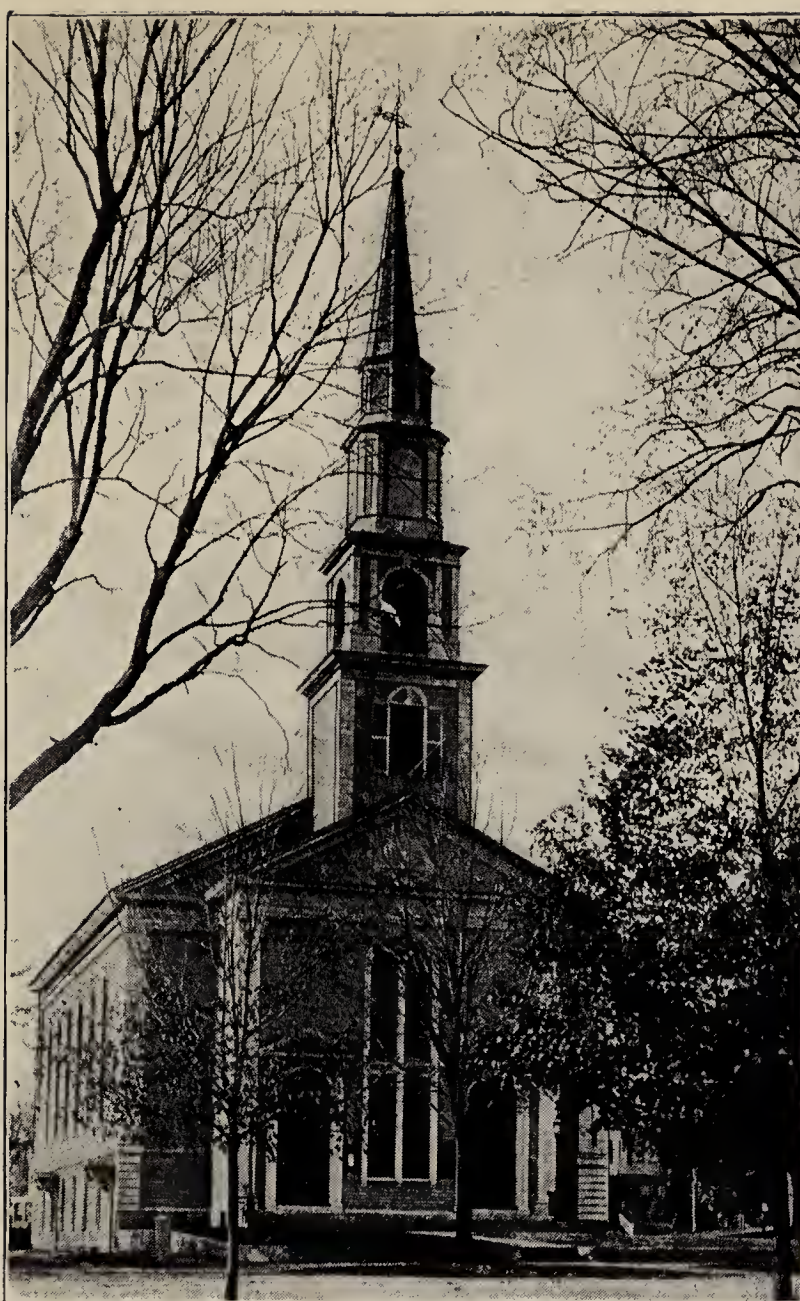
APRIL 10. St. Mary's rectory on Winter street is to be used as the new home for the Sisters of St. Joseph, teachers of the Parochial schools. The G. B. Williams residence on Pearl street is bought for the rectory.

APRIL 11. W. H. Baker is to erect a large garage at the corner of School and Spruce streets.

APRIL 14. Milford carpenters ask wage of \$3.50 for an eight-hour day, effective May 1.

APRIL 15. Ardolino Bros. & Monti awarded the contract to do





First Congregational Church.



Grace Church—1930.





St. Mary's Church—1930.



St. Mary's Church—1880.



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the granite carving for the decorations for the New York post office building for \$80,000.

APRIL 15. Regal Shoe Co. finished a record 142-day run, during which 200,000 pairs of high grade shoes were made.

APRIL 19. Oghneta Tribe, Red Men, held the first public exercises in Milford for Patriots' Day, with a parade and patriotic exercises in Music Hall.

APRIL 20. County Commissioners rule that Pine Grove cemetery owners were illegally assessed \$1,249.10 on their \$75,000 property and orders the tax abated.

APRIL 20. Deputy Sheriff A. A. Jenkins, former Selectman and a resident 20 years, removes to Worcester.

APRIL 21. Milford Lodge, Loyal Order of Moose, instituted in Eagles Hall with 60 charter members. Selectman J. H. Reynolds was elected dictator.

APRIL 21. Death of James Clancy, aged 91, a resident of Milford 64 years.

APRIL 22. Miss Sadie A. O'Connell and William F. Welch, students of High school, win gold medals as first prizes in rhetorical at Fitchburg. Five schools competed.

APRIL 27. Telephone Co. announces that May 1 telephone rates to adjoining towns will be cut 10 cents.

APRIL 28. Announcement made today that the new armory will be constructed of Milford granite.

APRIL 29. John P. Daniels, Milford's oldest resident, 96 years old today.

MAY 6. At the opening baseball game between Woonsocket and Milford on Town Park, the collapse of the bleachers slightly injured ten men and women. Woonsocket won the game, 2 to 0.

MAY 7. Licensed saloons were all closed today (Sunday) because of petition signed by clergymen of all denominations requesting the Selectmen to enforce the law.

MAY 15. Huckins & Temple shoe shop is unionized and using the union label, the first in Milford to do so.

MAY 16. By the will of the late Louisa A. Rice, widow of J. Allen Rice, all her jewelry is to be melted and sold and the proceeds



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given to Milford Hospital. Congregational Parish received about \$14,000.

MAY 18. The first union of shoemakers in Milford organized in Eagles' hall.

MAY 22. Milford adopts new plumbing laws at special Town meeting.

MAY 26. Death of Judge Lowell E. Fales, aged 52 years, 8 months, 28 days. Was born and always lived in Milford, was former Town Solicitor and Moderator at Town meetings and prominent in Masonry.

MAY 29. The first murder in Milford in almost fifty years happened this morning when Domenic Surace fired five shots from a 32-caliber revolver at Domenic Catrupi, aged 35, killing him. Surace was captured by John A. McKenzie.

MAY 31. Atty. John C. Lynch today named as Associate Justice of District Court by Gov. E. N. Foss.

MAY 31. Milford post office selected as a depository for postal savings to commence June 2.

JUNE 1. J. P. Keating of Westboro awarded the contract to build the Co. M Armory for \$39,887.

JUNE 2. Milford graded school teachers petition School Committee to raise the maximum salary to \$600 per year from \$500.

JUNE 3. Main street from South Main to Central streets, being macadamized.

JUNE 7. The first trolley express car run in Milford today over M., A. & W. line.

JUNE 9. Milford pink granite is to be used in the construction of the Scottish Rite Masonic building in Washington.

JUNE 9. School Committee gave pay raises to all the school teachers ranging from \$50 to \$150 a year.

JUNE 10. Capt. W. G. Pond has secured, through public subscriptions, \$2,000 necessary to improve the site on Pearl street for the Armory.

JUNE 10. Death of Hon. Edward L. Osgood, aged 68. He represented Milford in the Legislature and in the Senate.



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JUNE 10. Michele DeFillipis, 19 years old, arrested by Chief of Police O'Neil on a charge of criminally libeling Rev. Fr. Petrarca, pastor of Sacred Heart of Jesus Church.

JUNE 10. James Cleary of Worcester, won the 16-mile road race from Framingham to Nipmuc Park, Mendon, in 1 hour, 52 minutes and 49 2-5 seconds.

JUNE 14. Relief Corps celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary in Memorial Hall.

JUNE 16. Frank A. Hansom of Milford awarded \$2,000 damages against Milford Quarrymen's union by Arthur P. Hardy, Master, for alleged discrimination against him in securing work.

JUNE 20. Thirty-three High school graduates hold exercises in Town hall.

JUNE 21. St. Mary's Parochial High school, Class of 1911, graduating exercises in Town hall, with eight graduates. Bishop Beaven presented the diplomas.

JUNE 24. Milford fire department summoned to Medway for a \$40,000 fire which destroyed Sanford Hall, Post Office and Savings Bank.

JUNE 26. Milford voters, at special Town meeting, bond the town for \$30,000 for sewer construction.

JUNE 28. Charles C. Ardolino has been awarded the contract to furnish and cut the granite for Co. M Armory.

JUNE 28. George Porter Woodbury and Orlando Avery of the Avery & Woodbury Co., Milford's oldest and largest furniture store retire from the company.

JULY 3. E. R. Clarke, principal of High school, chosen principal of Leominster High at \$2,000 salary.

JULY 14. Woodbury & Leighton of Boston, awarded contract to construct Milford post office building for \$64,940.

JULY 17. Dr. George Herman Derry chosen principal of High school.

JULY 29. Milford's State tax is \$13,090.

AUGUST 1. Cenedella & Co. awarded contract to build sewer extensions for \$22,306.50.



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AUGUST 2. Domenico Surace, charged with murdering Domenico Catrupi in Milford, May 29, died today in Worcester City Hospital of acute meningitis.

AUGUST 5. Tag day for benefit of the Hospital netted \$828.73.

AUGUST 7. Milford's tax rate is \$18. Real estate valuation is \$7,306,390; personal valuation \$2,068,232.

AUGUST 7. A. O. Caswell of Marblehead chosen Superintendent of public schools.

AUGUST 26. James W. Burke, former Town official, rounded out 47 consecutive years as an employe of Draper Co. today and was presented a gold-headed cane by fellow-employes and foremen in the plant.

AUGUST 30. Highway department employes digging a trench near Memorial Hall building, unearthed a headstone bearing a 1761 date and marking the burial place of Mary Wright.

SEPTEMBER 2. Woonsocket won the pennant in the Mill league baseball contests. Whitinsville finished second, Milford third and Hopedale last.

SEPTEMBER 3. Public schools reopened with record enrollments of 1,998. There are 230 in the High school.

SEPTEMBER 5. Fire in her home fatally burned Mrs. Joseph Chapdelaine and seriously burned Mr. Chapdelaine in addition to totally destroying their home on Courtland street. On September 8 Mr. Chapdelaine died from the burns.

SEPTEMBER 5. Death of Waldo M. Claflin, of Philadelphia, aged 67. Was a native of Milford, a leading shoe dealer, and designer of the first shoe to be equipped with spikes.

SEPTEMBER 10. Death of George A. Brown, aged 87 years, 9 months, 13 days, Civil war veteran, a resident 60 years.

SEPTEMBER 11. Enrollment of St. Mary's Parochial school 384.

SEPTEMBER 11. Head-on collision of two electric cars on M. & U. Street Railway Co. near Whitney Station, results in injuries to fourteen persons.

SEPTEMBER 14. Miss Esther G. O'Connor, supervisor of music in public schools, resigns for a position in Boston schools. Miss Elizabeth McNamara succeeds her.



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SEPTEMBER 21. Selectmen to lay out Parker Hill Terrace as a public street.

SEPTEMBER 25. Mrs. Hannah M. Barber presents Chief E. M. Crockett of fire department \$50 as a memorial to her father, Seth P. Carpenter, one of the founders of the Milford fire department, 84 years ago.

SEPTEMBER 26. There were only 493 who voted at the first State-wide primary today. 280 Republicans and 213 Democrats.

SEPTEMBER 30. Judge John C. Lynch has been named District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler of the Western Massachusetts District of Elks.

OCTOBER 1. Rev. Fr. Michael J. Supple, formerly of Milford, and the oldest Catholic priest in point of service in the Boston diocese, is dead, aged 70. He was 46 years a priest.

OCTOBER 2. The first train over the Milford branch of N. Y., N. H. & H. railroad from Milford to Ashland and over the tracks of the B. & A. railroad to Boston was run today. It was excellent service, but received little patronage and soon stopped.

OCTOBER 4. Milford Lodge, Elks, donates \$75 for furnishing one of the rooms to the new Hospital addition.

OCTOBER 8. Milford Methodist Church observes the 100th anniversary of its founding with suitable exercises. Rev. E. S. Best of Malden, 86 years old, pastor of the Church 50 years ago, was present.

OCTOBER 8. A new large horse-drawn truck for the hook and ladder company arrived today.

OCTOBER 14. Postponed annual muster, parade and tests of Milford fire department, marking the eightieth anniversary of the organization of the department, held today. The parade was witnessed by 10,000 people and many visiting firemen and fire apparatus participated in it.

OCTOBER 18. Milford citizens meet in Town hall to protest against the use of any granite other than Milford in the construction of the Milford post office.

OCTOBER 30. Milford distributors of milk voted to increase the price on November 1, from six to seven cents a quart.



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OCTOBER 30. There are 2,460 registered voters.

NOVEMBER 1. Charles River Conclave of Heptasophs, organized in 1903, decides to surrender its charter.

NOVEMBER 2. Mrs. Frances Colburn, Hopedale, gives \$500 toward the furnishing and equipment of Hospital addition. She previously presented the Hospital with \$10,000.

NOVEMBER 3. Annual "pop" concert in Town Hall for Hospital nets \$500.

NOVEMBER 7. At State election, E. F. Lilley and M. J. Carberry, both of Milford, were elected to the Legislature and William R. Burke, also of Milford, elected to the Senate.

NOVEMBER 17. North Milford residents told by officials of the M. & U. Street Railway Co. they could not furnish street railway transportation because of the cost.

NOVEMBER 27. About 250 granite cutters who left work at Webb Pink Granite Co. three days ago because the cutting sheds were not heated, resumed work today. The company placed twenty-five coke heaters in the sheds.

NOVEMBER 30. Death of David Nelson, Milford's oldest native resident, aged 92. He died in the house where he was born, was a successful merchant and former member of Overseers of Poor.

NOVEMBER 30. For Thanksgiving, turkeys were selling from 20 to 25 cents a pound, pork and lamb chops and hind quarters of lamb at 12 cents a pound.

DECEMBER 1. In the Midland league football season just closed, between High school teams of Natick, Milford, Framingham, Marlboro, Westboro and Hudson, Natick won the pennant.

DECEMBER 2. The Standard Raincoat Co. of Boston, bought the M. F. Green factory, corner of North Bow and Jefferson streets, for manufacturing purposes.

DECEMBER 16. Business at Regal Shoe Co.'s plant is rushing and 1,500 pairs of shoes are made daily.

DECEMBER 16. Fire in Milford's business district at 182 to 186 Main street, caused a loss of \$10,000.

DECEMBER 20. Milford horse owners petitioned the Selectmen



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to have hitching posts for horses erected on Main and other streets. Selectmen filed the petition because no money was available.

DECEMBER 21. John Ozella, aged 20, murdered at a party in the Charles River Driving Park hall.

DECEMBER 30. Milford granite will be used in the construction of the \$60,000 monument in Central Park, New York City in memory of the Battleship Maine victims.

DECEMBER 30. Milford has 2,427 children between the ages of five and fifteen according to school census.

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JANUARY 1. Milford quarrymen and derrickmen submit a new bill of advanced wages and Saturday half-day to take effect April 1.

JANUARY 3. Music Hall block, containing only theatre in Milford, gutted by fire, with loss of \$35,000.

JANUARY 6. Milford's manufactured products reached a value of \$4,442,140 yearly, according to the United States census for 1910. Average weekly wage of Milford workmen is given as \$10.09.

JANUARY 8. Milford residents shocked by a murder and suicide in a School street home.

JANUARY 12. There were 376 births recorded in Milford in 1911; 255 deaths and 123 marriages.

JANUARY 13. Coldest morning of the winter here, the thermometer registering as low as 22 degrees below zero.

JANUARY 23. Ladies' Aid Society to Milford Hospital formed in Elks' Hall with Mrs. V. N. Ryan, president.

JANUARY 26. Death of James Cahill, aged 79, veteran of Crimean and Civil wars. He came to Milford in 1859, and was a prominent member of the G. A. R.

JANUARY 30. Death of A. A. Coburn, aged 73. He was in dry goods business in Milford 48 years.

FEBRUARY 1. Archer Rubber Co. is building a four-story addition 35x70.



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FEBRUARY 2. State Board of Health recommends the extension of the Milford Water Co.'s water mains to Purchase district and a reduction in the water rates.

FEBRUARY 2. Total valuation of Milford is \$9,531,173; \$7,210,531, real; \$2,320,642, personal; 3,847 assessed polls.

FEBRUARY 5. Lyceum theatre re-opened as a moving picture house.

FEBRUARY 6. Judge John C. Lynch presided in District Court session today for the first time.

FEBRUARY 15. I. W. W. organizer starts campaign of unrest.

MARCH 5. At Town election Selectmen chosen were: J. H. Reynolds, James J. Connors and John B. Henderson. The sum of \$175,665 is appropriated for Town expenses.

MARCH 11. The new Armory building is formally taken over by the State.

APRIL 20. Ideal theatre, moving picture place, opens.

MAY 3. Dedication exercises of Milford's new State Armory, followed by grand ball. Lieut-Gov. Robert E. Luce turns Armory over to Capt. W. G. Pond.

MAY 24. Milford pays \$9,159 as County tax.

MAY 31. The salary of Judge Clifford A. Cook, justice of the Milford district court increased from \$1,200 to \$1,500.

JUNE 5. Milford pays \$15,470 State tax.

JUNE 20. Milford High school graduates 41 pupils.

JUNE 24. St. Mary's first annual reception and banquet to Class of 1912, by newly-formed Alumni.

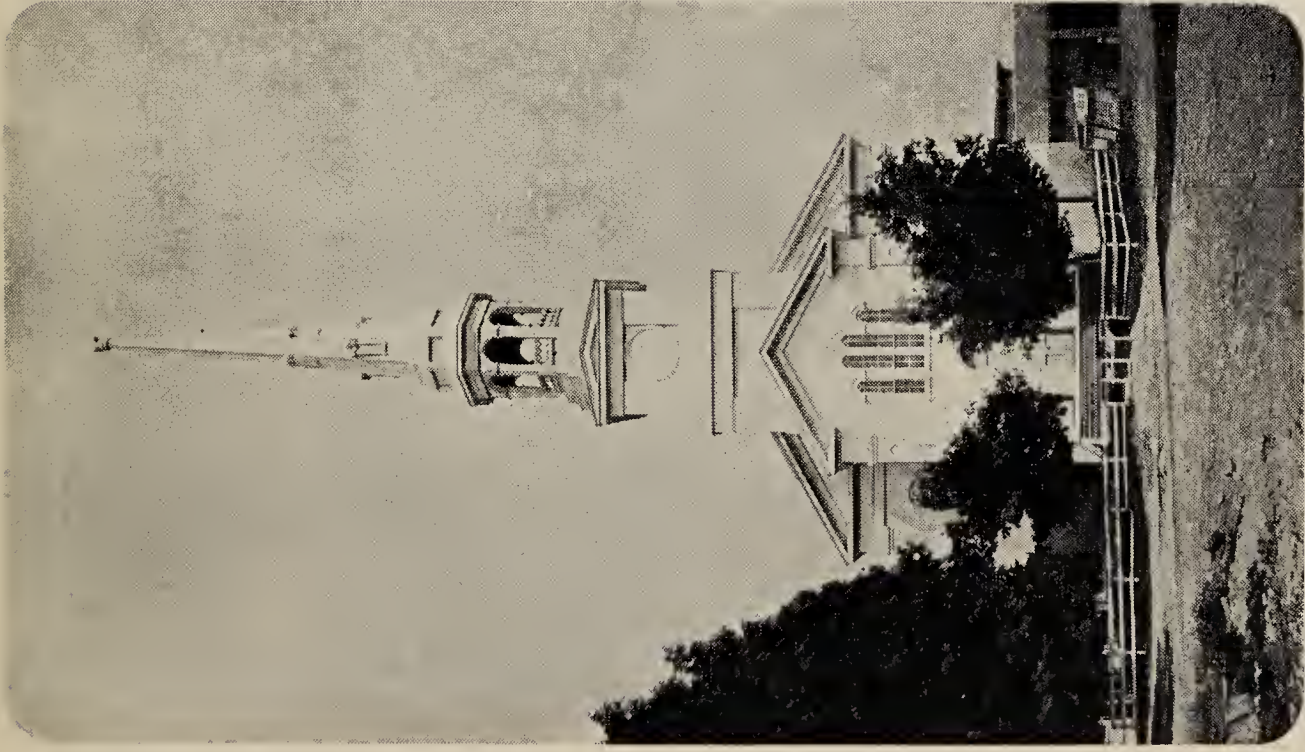
JUNE 27. Baker Block has \$10,000 loss by fire and water.

JULY 11. Property owned by William P. Donnelly, Pine street, adjoining Baptist Church, is purchased by Hebrew Association for a Synagogue.

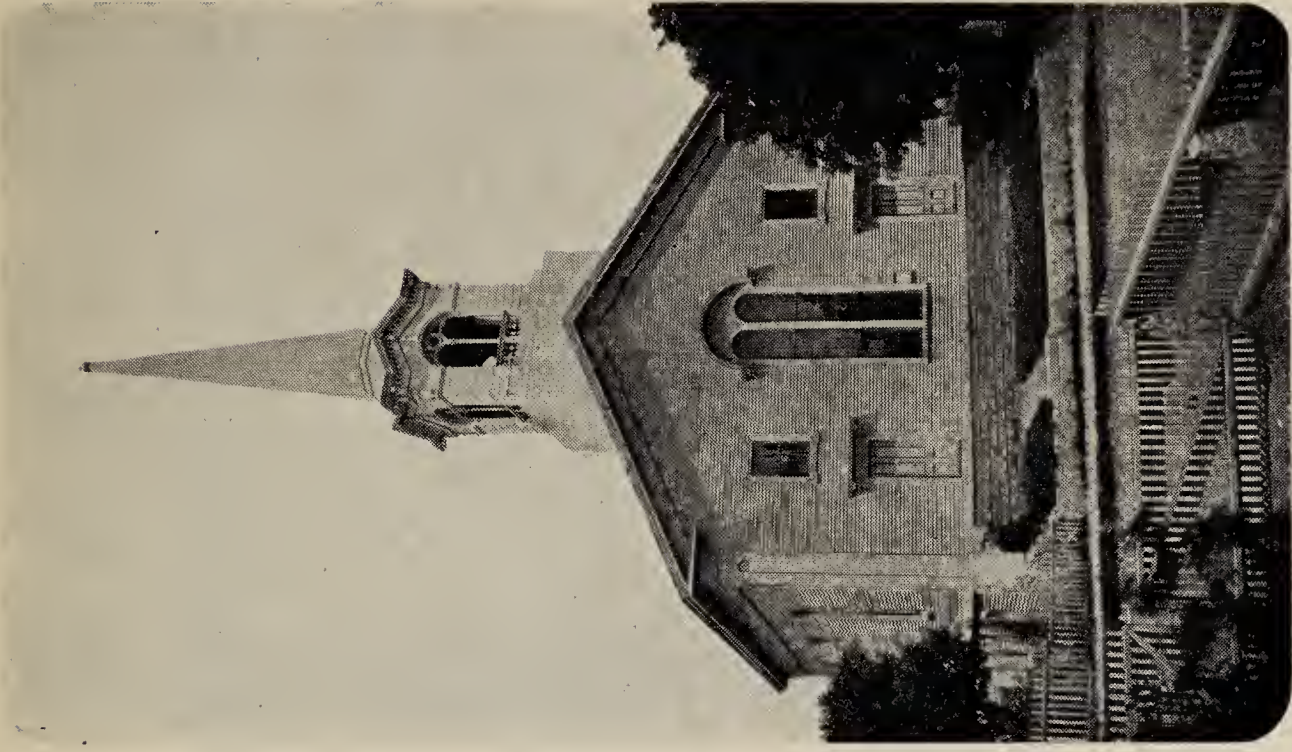
JULY 11. Death of Albert M. Sumner, former Selectman, aged 86 years.

JULY 31. Christopher A. Fitzgerald chosen sub-master of Milford High school.





Second building erected by Universalist Society, dedicated 1851. Used as a temporary High School in 1900-01 and destroyed by fire in 1901.



Baptist Church, 1880.  
Front has since been remodelled and upper part of spire removed.





Swedish Congregational Church—  
Christian Science Society also holds  
Services here.



Trinity Episcopal Church, 1882.



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AUGUST 9. The new \$2,000 compressed air fire whistle tested for first time from box 52.

AUGUST 17. Tax rate is \$18.70; valuation, \$9,885,083.

SEPTEMBER 21. The Massachusetts Pink Granite Co. has been awarded the contract for the stone to be used in the \$2,000,000 memorial to commemorate the deeds of Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry, at Put-In-Bay, Lake Erie.

SEPTEMBER 25. Unveiling ceremonies of Gen. W. F. Draper equestrian statue on Draper Park, by Miss Marguerite Preston Draper, the daughter of General and Mrs. Draper. It was the fifty-first anniversary of his departure for the front. The oration was by Congressman Samuel W. McCall of Winchester. Wendell Williams, Esq., presented the gift for Mrs. Draper, to the Town and James H. Reynolds, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, accepted it.

OCTOBER 30. Standard Raincoat Co. has \$40,000 loss by fire.

NOVEMBER 6. Matthew J. Carbary, of Milford, and James F. Ferry of Northboro are elected Representatives to the Legislature.

NOVEMBER 11. Death of John P. Daniels, Milford's oldest resident and for many years a leading business man, aged 97 years, 8 months.

NOVEMBER 18. Death of Valentine Ryan, a prominent business man, aged 54 years, 2 months, 10 days.

DECEMBER 1. Mr. and Mrs. Adolphus Tyler celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary.

DECEMBER 7. Milford Merchants' Association organized.

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JANUARY 2. Death of Mrs. Mary A. Aylward, aged 78 years, 6 months. She stitched the first shoe made by that method in Milford.

JANUARY 3. There were 133 marriages recorded in 1912; 255 deaths; 397 births.

JANUARY 19. Corner-stone of the new Jewish Synagogue laid.



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FEBRUARY 16. Unveiling exercises of a bronze tablet, in Congregational Church, in memory of Elijah Baron Stowe, who was in charge of the music in the Church for more than twenty-five years.

FEBRUARY 22. Washington Block and contents damaged by fire and water, estimated at \$15,000.

FEBRUARY 25. Registration for March election is 2,506.

MARCH 3. At annual Town election J. J. Connors, John B. Henderson and James H. Reynolds are re-elected Selectmen. At adjourned meeting \$257,990 was appropriated.

MARCH 11. Strike at Archer Rubber Co. for three weeks ended today. An appeal for recognition of I. W. W., failed.

MARCH 14. Judge John C. Lynch, Town Solicitor, rules action of 1912 Overseers of Poor in raising salary of H. W. Austin as superintendent from \$800 to \$1,000 a year, illegal.

MARCH 17. I. W. W. employes of Archer Rubber Co. again struck this morning for recognition of that organization.

MARCH 19. Town Hall is refused I. W. W. for a meeting.

MARCH 20. Oliveri Hall, scene of I. W. W. meeting, Chief O'Neil and also Capt. Wm. H. Proctor of the State police present.

MARCH 22. Threats of I. W. W. strikes in Hopedale and at Milford Iron Foundry, since the visit of Joe Ettor and Arturo Giovanniti, leaders of Lawrence strike.

MARCH 28. I. W. W. meeting in Driving Park Hall, which Chief O'Neil and State Officers attend.

APRIL 1. I. W. W. strike at Draper Co. plant started. The Milford men assembled in Lincoln square, marched to Hopedale and made a noisy demonstration. They tried to dissuade by force employes from entering the works but were unsuccessful as Chief Samuel E. Kellogg had a large force of officers, armed with baseball bats, guarding the entrance to the plant.

The men returned to Milford to Driving Park Hall for a meeting, about 600 being in the crowd.

Draper Co. stated that no demands were made by the strikers, that many in the parade were not their employes and that the I. W. W. was responsible for the outbreak.



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Worcester, Boston, Clinton and South Framingham policemen, with State Police, under command of Capt. Proctor, and Worcester County Deputy Sheriffs, came upon the scene. Hopedale swore in several special policemen. Milford is in the most uncomfortable situation in its history.

APRIL 2. The first clash of strikers and police occurred this morning when strikers resisted efforts of police to take baseball bats from them. Joseph M. Coldwell returned here yesterday and assumed leadership of the strikers, who asked for increased wages, etc., which were presented to Draper Co. officials today and were refused.

APRIL 2. Orlando Avery, prominent citizen and former merchant, dies suddenly of apoplexy, aged 70.

APRIL 8. Twenty-three members of Metropolitan Police arrived in Milford for duty during I. W. W. strike. Women and children paraded through the streets of Milford to Hopedale, carrying many placards. Milford and Hopedale are heavily guarded by police.

APRIL 10. Thirty-five iron moulders employed in Milford Iron Foundry discharged this morning when they reported for work. Leader Coldwell threatens general strike of all "foreigners" employed in Milford factories in retaliation.

APRIL 10. Milford Board of Trade adopts resolution asking Selectmen to refuse use of Town Hall to strikers because of labor unrest.

APRIL 10. Four unknown men fired several shots into a Hopkinton-bound car of the M. & U. Street Railway Co. The car contained employes of Draper Co. The only person wounded was George Davis, of Hopedale, hit in fleshy portion of hip by 32-caliber bullet.

APRIL 14. After the parade to Hopedale this morning strikers marched to Greene Bros. heel manufactory and William Lapworth and Sons' elastic web manufactory, and urged the employes to leave their work. There were 50 girls from Greene Bros. and 25 at Lapworth's who quit work. There were 428 men in the morning parade.



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APRIL 14. Ex-Gov. Draper announces the company's willingness to discuss wage conditions with former employes.

APRIL 15. Girl pickets and loyal workers at the fabric mill, battled, many girls being scratched and bruised. Arrival of officers quelled the outbreak. The iron foundry of Draper Co. received 35 new employes today.

APRIL 16. All the property of the Milford Pink Granite Co. was sold today to Earl Langstrom of New York for \$20,000.

APRIL 16. Rioting in front of Lapworth mills today, resulted in two officers being injured and many persons clubbed. Men, women and girls numbering 150 participated. Conference to end the strike fails, Draper Co. refusing to deal with I. W. W. Motor trucks used to transport Lapworth's girl employes to and from work, Metropolitan Police guarding them.

APRIL 18. Town of Hopedale adopted stringent by-laws against parading, etc., at a special Town meeting.

APRIL 19. Mass meeting held in Lincoln square by strikers at which 4,000 people gathered.

APRIL 22. Draper Co. strikers again attempt by force to prevent employes going to work. Strike pickets and police clash.

APRIL 24. Emilio Bacchiocchi, 32 years old, of Milford, a Draper Co. striker, shot and killed in the Spindleville section of Hopedale, while picketing. Great excitement prevailed. Leader Coldwell arrested for infraction of the Hopedale by-laws; with being a dangerous and disorderly person and with uttering threats and menacing speeches. Coldwell arraigned in District Court and his case continued. Joseph Bianco, attached to the Italian Consulate at Boston was at the trial. On Coldwell's promise not to again lead the strikers to Hopedale the charge against him for violating by-laws was not pressed.

APRIL 26. Funeral of Emilio Bacchiocchi, slain striker. About 2,000 were in the funeral procession, business places of Italian-speaking residents were closed—many of them for the last two days and some having crepe on the doors. Services were in the afternoon in Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, after which the procession marched through the streets and to St. Mary's cemetery, where services were again held at the grave.



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APRIL 29. A new business block is to be erected on Main street by W. H. Casey and John F. Dempsey. It will be two stories high, 44x48 feet.

APRIL 29. Strike Leader Coldwell was convicted in District court today and sentenced to three months in jail for threatening and fined \$5 for breaking the by-laws of Hopedale. He appealed and furnished sureties in \$800 for trial in Superior court.

APRIL 30. Coldwell, Howard and Albizotti, leaders of the strike, also twenty strikers, were summoned into court today to answer to the charge of violating Hopedale by-laws. Coldwell went to Hopedale today on the electric cars.

MAY 1. Residences in Milford stoned. One Hopedale worker assaulted, receiving a fractured skull.

MAY 2. About 150 boys and girls marched to Hopedale from Milford this morning and were sent back by the police. Leader Coldwell was again at Hopedale and less than 50 of the strikers were with him.

MAY 3. Arturo Giovannitti, a leader of the Lawrence strike and strike leaders Coldwell and Howard led a crowd of 400 men and women from Milford towards Hopedale this morning. At the Hopedale line a big squad of officers blocked their way. Giovannitti, Coldwell and Howard were allowed to pass, only to be arrested on their arrival in front of the Draper works. Giovannitti was found guilty in District court, fined \$10, as were the other defendants, and appealed.

MAY 6. Draper Co. to built 60 houses in Milford and Hopedale.

MAY 7. Efforts of State Board of Arbitration to settle Draper Co. strike fruitless. Pupils of Plains school started a miniature strike. They armed themselves with clubs and forbid other children to attend school. Police were called to round up the "strikers."

MAY 16. Edgar A. Sherman of Hopedale, a special policeman, arraigned in District court before Judge C. A. Cook, charged with manslaughter in causing the death of Emilio Bacchiocchi in Hopedale, April 24. He waived the reading of the complaint and furnished sureties in \$5,000 for his appearance in Superior court.



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The first break in the ranks of the strikers was today when twelve Polish-speaking former employes, resumed work.

MAY 18. Rt. Rev. Thomas D. Beaven, Bishop of Springfield diocese, confirmed a class of 300 in St. Mary's Church.

MAY 23. A crowd of 200 strike pickets stood in front of an electric car at Braggville this morning, refused to move and compelled employes of Draper Co. to get out of the car. Picketing was renewed, street cars were stoned and women and children were active in the trouble. Many employes of Draper Co. were forced to return to their homes as they attempted to go to Hopedale to work. This evening rioting occurred at Depot square. Strikers stoned the police, who freely used their clubs. Three men arrested charged with rioting.

MAY 27. Dr. George P. Cooke was today named as Postmaster of Milford by President Wilson.

MAY 29. Riot at Lincoln Square tonight when strikers refused to obey police to not parade or conduct a meeting. The riot act was read and the crowd of 2,000 soon scattered in all directions by fully 100 officers. Atty. T. G. Connolly and Morrison I. Swift, as well as five others, arrested.

MAY 30. Warren Kneeland won the Mohawk S. A. C. 6-mile road race from Town Hall, Milford to Lake Nipmuc Park, Mendon. The time was 32 minutes.

JUNE 5. Joseph M. Coldwell, strike leader, was today found guilty of uttering, threatening and menacing speeches in Milford, April 24. He was sentenced to three months in Worcester jail. The strikers conducted a meeting in Town Hall tonight at which 1,200 attended, a majority of the Selectmen granting them the use of it.

JUNE 7. The backbone of the strike is broken. Many of the men are returning to work, the police are being withdrawn and there is less activity by pickets.

JUNE 8. Two carloads of children of strikers were taken by the M., A. & W. Street Railway Co. cars today to Providence to remain until the strike is over.

JUNE 17. Strike at Greene Bros. factory in force since April 12, settled amicably today and 49 girl strikers resumed work.



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JUNE 17. By its victory at Springfield today St. Mary's Parochial High school baseball team won the cup in the Diocesan league.

JUNE 18. Selectmen refuse use of Town Hall to strikers when it became known Carlo Tresca and Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, I. W. W. agitators, were to speak.

JUNE 19. Graduation exercises of Class of 1913, Parochial High school held in Town Hall, with twelve graduates.

JUNE 20. Carlo Tresca and Elizabeth Gurley Flynn of I. W. W., speak in Driving Park hall to 300 strikers and others.

JUNE 25. Forty-one members of Class of 1913, Milford High school, in Town hall, receive diplomas.

JUNE 30. The late Jesse A. Taft property on Claflin hill purchased by Rev. Fr. David F. McGrath, pastor of St. Mary's Church.

JULY 5. Over 150 strikers applied for work at Hopedale today and the strike now is said to be over.

JULY 15. "Votes for Women" pilgrimage reaches Milford and Mrs. Glendower Evans, Miss Margaret Foley and Miss Caroline I. Reilly addressed outdoor meetings.

JULY 20. Temple of Solomon, Milford's first Jewish Synagogue, dedicated.

JULY 21. By a vote of 765 in favor and 241 against, Milford voters, at special Town meeting, voted to retain the so-called "musical" by-law. The result was a distinct rebuke to the I. W. W. and sympathizers.

JULY 24. By a vote of 200 to 153 Milford voters decided to continue the dual system of street lighting—gasoline and electricity.

JULY 28. Fire in Johnston & Co.'s stables at foot of Granite street caused a loss of \$5,000.

AUGUST 11. Milford Opera House reopened by Chicago Stock Co., the first time since the fire.

AUGUST 26. Milford's tax rate is \$19; valuation, \$10,074,103; 3,861 polls.

AUGUST 27. Draper Co. of Hopedale reimbursed Milford \$4,500 for expense incurred by I. W. W. strike.



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AUGUST 29. School Committee votes to buy a portable building for school purposes for \$1,500 to relieve congestion in Park school.

SEPTEMBER 2. Moving pictures are taken of Milford at its daily work, to be shown at the Ideal theatre.

SEPTEMBER 13. Installation of the common battery or light system of telephoning in Milford.

OCTOBER 7. Milford Hospital receives a check for \$5,000 in the will of Mrs. E. S. Draper. It is to be known as the Nannie Bristow Draper fund, income to be used for the maintenance of a free bed.

OCTOBER 9. The 60th anniversary of the Thurber Medical Association observed.

OCTOBER 15. Dr. Thomas J. Nugent, Past Grand Knight of Valencia Council, is the first Milford man to be honored by the appointment as District Deputy.

OCTOBER 22. The first bricks in the new postoffice were laid today.

OCTOBER 25. The Regal Shoe Co. of Milford makes over 45,000 pairs of shoes each month and has a payroll of over \$25,000 a month.

OCTOBER 28. John Phillip Sousa and his band give concert in Milford Opera House.

NOVEMBER 3. The granite used in the New Equitable building in New York, which is to be one of the largest office buildings in the world, will be quarried at the quarries of Webb Pink Granite Co.

NOVEMBER 5. Matthew J. Carbary and Walter L. Collins, both of Milford, are elected State Representatives.

DECEMBER 12. Death of Bethuel E. Harris, president of Home National Bank and a leading business man of this town. He was 83 years, 8 months old.





Methodist Church and Parsonage.





Universalist Church.



Synagogue—Y. M. and Y. W. H. A. Community House in rear.



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1914.

JANUARY 13. There were 126 marriages; 413 births; 237 deaths recorded in 1913.

JANUARY 31. Dedication of North Purchase hose house.

FEBRUARY 19. Knights of Pythias celebrate golden anniversary of the founding of the order.

MARCH 3. Selectmen elected were: John B. Henderson, John H. Cunningham and James H. Reynolds.

MARCH 9. Movement started to raise \$50,000 to have Hopedale Manufacturing Co. in Milford.

MARCH 12. Daniel J. Cronin is elected Superintendent of Highway Department, succeeding Maurice E. Nelligan, superintendent for 20 years.

MARCH 12. South Milford post office discontinued within a few days of its 100th anniversary, having been founded March 14, 1814.

MARCH 22. Death of Dr. George P. Cooke, postmaster, former Selectman, Representative, Senator and delegate to National conventions, aged 65 years, 6 months.

APRIL 15. The Home National Bank has leased space in the new Thayer building. The bank has occupied present quarters for 27 years.

APRIL 16. The Milford Hospital receives \$100,000 through the will of former Gov. Eben S. Draper of Hopedale.

APRIL 29. The corporation, Milford Holding Co., is formed chartered by this State.

MAY 9. A plot of ten acres adjoining N. Y., N. H. & H. (Hopkinton) railroad is bought for \$5,000 for the site of the new Hopedale Manufacturing Co. building.

MAY 23. The new light system for telephoning started in Milford today.

MAY 23. Fire destroys the Louisa Lake Ice Co. buildings.

MAY 29. Mrs. Marianna J. Cooke has been appointed acting postmistress, succeeding her late husband, Dr. George P. Cooke.



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JUNE 15. Eleven lives were lost and over twenty men were injured in the worst fire in the history of the town. The fire was in the Armenian boarding house, formerly the Walker boot shop, on West street.

JUNE 25. Milford High school graduates 47 pupils this year.

JULY 21. Milford has a juvenile band of local boys, directed by Frank Sinopoli.

JULY 25. Warren Kneeland won the 15-mile road race from State Armory, Milford, to Clinton Oval, Woonsocket in 1 hour, 43 minutes. Gov. Pothier, of Rhode Island was Honorary Referee and also presented the prizes.

AUGUST 21. The total valuation for 1914 is \$10,154,374.

SEPTEMBER 3. Milford & Uxbridge Street Railway Co. employes unionized.

SEPTEMBER 9. Public school enrollment is 2,184.

SEPTEMBER 22. Dr. George Hermann Derry, principal of High school three years, resigns. Christopher A. Fitzgerald, sub-master of the school, made principal at \$1,600 a year.

OCTOBER 9. School Committee decides on the McKeague lot on Spruce street as site for new grade school.

OCTOBER 13. Active operations commenced at new Hopedale Manufacturing Co.'s plant.

OCTOBER 24. Home National Bank opened its new quarters in Thayer building.

OCTOBER 24. Registration for November election is 2,405.

NOVEMBER 3. At State election, M. J. Carbary of Milford and Dennis F. Duggin of Whitinsville, elected State Representatives.

NOVEMBER 6. Francis C. Berry of Worcester, chosen sub-master of High school.

DECEMBER 5. Milford's new post office building opened to the public tonight for inspection. Mrs. M. J. Cooke, acting postmistress with the clerks and carriers received visitors. The building was opened for postal service, Dec. 7. Rufus Pond, clerk in the office, sold the first stamp.



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DECEMBER 18. Death of Zibeon C. Field, aged 84, a resident of Milford 67 years. He was prominent in business and civic life, being former Selectman, School Committeeman, Engineer of Fire Department and Representative to the Legislature.

DECEMBER 22. Announcement by B. H. Bristow Draper and Mrs. Dorothy Gannett, son and daughter of the late ex-Gov. Eben S. Draper, that they will build a home for the nurses of the Hospital as a memorial for their parents.

1915.

JANUARY 5. Vital statistics for 1914 show 405 births, 246 deaths, 117 marriages.

JANUARY 25. Death of Ralph Carlos Hill, aged 91, oldest resident of Milford. Former Superintendent of Streets, a Constable and dealer in horses.

JANUARY 25. Acting Postmistress, Mrs. Marianna J. Cooke, named as postmistress of Milford, by President Wilson.

JANUARY 28. Luther P. Jones dies at age of 86, a native and always a resident of Milford.

FEBRUARY 5. Mr. and Mrs. James W. Burke, attain their golden wedding anniversary.

MARCH 2. In a spirited and hotly contested election, in which there were eleven candidates for Selectmen, J. H. Reynolds, Dr. T. J. Nugent and John H. Cunningham, were winners.

MARCH 4. Annual report of telephone company shows 1,176 subscribers in Milford.

MARCH 12. Bay State Pink Granite Co. formed with capital of \$100,000. They are to open a granite quarry in the Deerbrook section of Milford. Peter Ross is president.

MARCH 13. Bus service assured for North Milford residents.

MARCH 16. Home of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Cenedella, 68 School street, damaged by fire with loss of \$5,000. The five children of Mr. and Mrs. Cenedella were rescued.

MARCH 19. Death of Thomas Coyne, veteran of Civil war and State House messenger, aged 81.



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MARCH 26. Grace Church is to have a new portable building on Congress street.

APRIL 18. Plains A. C. is to have a baseball team in the field this season.

APRIL 27. A free rural mail delivery service will be inaugurated in South Milford section, May 17.

APRIL 28. Co. M closes its most successful basketball season, having defeated some of the fastest teams in the State.

APRIL 28. Town Solicitor C. F. Williams drafts a bill to be presented to the Legislature for dissolution of Milford's sewer board. The Town voted to dissolve it at annual March meeting.

MAY 6. Milford has its first traffic officer on duty tonight at the junction of Main, Central and Exchange streets.

MAY 17. Architects R. A. Cook and W. L. Collins, will draw plans for \$75,000 Spruce street granite school building.

MAY 17. The bill to abolish Milford Board of Sewer Commissions in House of Representatives referred to the Legislature of 1916. The feeling is now the bill is dead.

MAY 26. Annual roll call of Post 22, shows that of 537 members, there are 68 of the veterans living.

MAY 29. Milford and vicinity veterans of Spanish-American war formed an organization with Maj. John F. Barrett, president, to decorate the graves of deceased veterans annually on Memorial Day.

JUNE 3. Atty. W. G. Pond reappointed Clerk of District Court by Gov. Walsh.

JUNE 4. Milford's tuberculosis dispensary, 5 Park Terrace, opened today.

JUNE 9. Ladies' Benevolent Society of Congregational Church observed its 100th anniversary.

JUNE 13. Grace Church was formally dedicated.

JUNE 16. Sixteen members of Class of 1915, St. Mary's Parochial High school, received diplomas at graduating exercises in Town Hall tonight.

JUNE 18. School Committee gave increases in salaries to



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school teachers ranging from \$50 to \$100 a year. The High school teaching force is increased to twelve.

JUNE 19. Push cart and automobile parade held for benefit of playground fund. There were 23 automobiles, gaily decorated.

JUNE 23. Milford High school baseball team wins Midland League pennant by its defeat, 6 to 3, of Framingham High at Framingham today.

JUNE 24. Milford has 2,845 men between the ages of 14 and 45, liable for military duty.

JULY 1. There were 50 graduates in Class of 1915, Milford High school, who received diplomas.

JULY 1. A branch of Red Cross Society was formed among Italian-speaking women of Milford, at home of Mr. and Mrs. Luigi Luchini.

JULY 7. The Plains school public playground for children opened. It is expected Claflin school playgrounds will be opened in two weeks.

JULY 7. Milford fire department receives a pulmotor, the first for use in Milford.

JULY 14. Milford's population is officially given as 13,642 by Bureau of Statistics.

JULY 16. Deputy Sheriff and Mrs. Henry C. Snell attained their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

JULY 17. North Purchase Jitney Corporation organized.

JULY 24. Miss Margaret Foley, Boston's noted suffragist, addressed large throngs on Milford Town park in her campaign for "votes for women."

AUGUST 6. A memorial tablet in honor of the late ex-Gov. and Mrs. Eben S. Draper, placed in Milford Hospital.

AUGUST 23. At a special Town election, Representative M. J. Carbary was elected Tax Collector to succeed William J. Foley, resigned. There were five candidates.

AUGUST 24. Milford's tax rate for 1915 is \$19.70. Property valuation is \$10,397,712. There are 4,007 assessed polls.

SEPTEMBER 8. Milford public schools have enrollment of 2,266, 295 are in High school.



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SEPTEMBER 27. The pennant in the Tri-county baseball league was awarded to Plains A. C.

SEPTEMBER 28. Atty. John E. Swift confirmed today as head of the new State Commission to codify the laws affecting highways, roads and bridges. He was appointed by Gov. Walsh.

OCTOBER 25. Annual meeting of Mendon Horse Thief Detecting Society, formed December 21, 1795, held at Mansion House. Hon. George F. Birch was elected president.

OCTOBER 30. School Committee award Dillon Bros. contract to build the new school building to be known as the George E. Stacy school, for \$49,611.

NOVEMBER 2. At State election Atty. William A. Murray, of Milford and Arthur W. Frail of Upton, were elected Representatives.

NOVEMBER 5. School Committee awarded the contract to furnish granite for new Stacy school to Webb Pink Granite Co. for \$14,500.

NOVEMBER 10. Playground Committee of Women's Civic League report expenditures of \$705.80; receipts, \$692.85.

NOVEMBER 8. Selectmen voted to install 38 electric incandescent street lights and to discontinue the use of ten gasoline.

DECEMBER 4. There were 1,242 paid admissions to Co. M-Worcester basketball game in State Armory tonight, the largest crowd ever attending an indoor sporting event in Milford. Co. M won, 41 to 26.

DECEMBER 8. Milford Master Barbers effected an organization with Frank H. Thomas, president. "Outlines" of hair, which cost 10 cents, are to be called haircuts, and will be 25 cents; shaves, 15 cents.

DECEMBER 15. Commencing January 1, a cut of four cents, from 14 to 10, per kilowatt hour will be given Milford consumers of electricity.

DECEMBER 22. Milford Town Farm electrically lighted for first time and a Christmas party held for the inmates.



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1916.

JANUARY 2. Paul Doane of Milford, named Deputy Sheriff to succeed the late J. J. O'Neil. Deputy Sheriff H. C. Snell was reappointed.

JANUARY 3. During 1915 there were 107 marriages, and 222 deaths.

FEBRUARY 4. By the will of the late Miss Harriet L. Thayer, the Milford Y. M. C. A. is left \$100; the Ladies' Association of Congregational Church, \$100 and the Milford Public Library, \$100.

FEBRUARY 11. Milford Water Co. officials in conference with Selectmen agreed to furnish water for fire purposes for a term of five years for \$6,500 a year; to reduce the minimum cost from \$12 to \$11 a year for householders; to reduce the first faucet rate from \$7 to \$6.50 and to increase the hydrants from 126 to 150.

FEBRUARY 15. Coldest morning of the year, mercury reported at 27 degrees below zero in South Milford.

MARCH 2. Dr. Thomas H. Mann, one of the founders of Milford Daily News, and its editor for three years, dies at age of 73.

MARCH 6. Elected for Selectmen this year are, Charles V. Waitt, Dr. Thomas J. Nugent and James J. Connors.

MARCH 11. The average cost per pupil in Milford is \$29.66. Among the lowest in the State.

MARCH 25. Town appropriations are \$218,855. The Town votes to buy a new road roller and the people will hereafter elect the Superintendent of Highways.

APRIL 14. Opening of new nurses' home, gift of the sons and daughter of the late ex-Gov. Eben S. and Mrs. Draper to Milford Hospital.

MAY 5. There were 667 patients treated at the Hospital during past 11 months.

JUNE 24. Milford carpenters are awarded 50 cents an hour by State Board of Arbitration and Conciliation.

JUNE 29. High school graduates 45 this year.

JUNE 30. Milford High school Alumni holds its 50th reunion.



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JUNE 30. Three officers and 59 men of Co. M are mustered into the United States regular army.

JULY 19. Opening of the first of Milford's Chautauqua.

AUGUST 24. Infantile paralysis cases confront Milford doctors.

SEPTEMBER 5. Supt. Caswell of public schools reports enrollment of 2,310. High school reopened with 343 pupils. The parochial schools have 450.

SEPTEMBER 8. Patrolman Harry W. Butler of Milford police department, shot and killed on Beach street, while doing police duty.

SEPTEMBER 9. Milford's tax rate is \$22.50.

SEPTEMBER 12. The old wooden steps on Town Hall building are to be replaced with granite steps.

OCTOBER 6. Annual report of Milford Playground Committee shows expenditures of \$396.19, and receipts of \$429.71.

OCTOBER 9. Atty. William J. Moore succeeds Atty. James E. Luby as principal of night school.

OCTOBER 27. John Hoban, credited with being the youngest soldier to enlist in the Civil war from Milford, died, aged 68. He served in the regular army 33 years.

OCTOBER 28. Registration for November election is 2,506; poll tax payers, 4,104.

NOVEMBER 1. Milford's new "white way" from South Main street to the junction of Main and East Main streets, illuminated.

NOVEMBER 4. Co. M opens basketball season at Armory, defeating Worcester K. of C., 53 to 29.

NOVEMBER 7. Milford's total vote at Presidential election was 2,223. Atty. William A. Murray of Milford and Arthur W. Frail of Upton were elected Representatives.

NOVEMBER 14. Death of Dr. Franklin W. Mann, inventor, author and devoted to mechanical research, aged 60 years.



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Y. M. C. A.



The Irish Round Tower  
in St. Mary's Cemetery.



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1917.

JANUARY 3. There were 156 marriages, 428 births, 231 deaths recorded in Milford in 1916.

JANUARY 5. School committee receives a petition signed by 16 citizens protesting against military training in Milford schools.

JANUARY 6. According to Treasurer Swift Milford expended \$500,625.12 to conduct the various Town departments in 1916.

JANUARY 18. Old Mendon Chapter, D. A. R., at a meeting to-day made Mrs. Sarah M. Winship Tarbell, an honorary member. She is a resident of Milford, a real granddaughter of the Revolution.

JANUARY 19. Thomas J. Quirk of Milford, elected to the principalship of new Stacy school.

JANUARY 28. The first marriage to be solemnized in the Pine Street Synagogue was today when Frank Plotnick of Framingham and Miss Frances Kulwinsky of Milford were married by Rabbi Max Cohen.

FEBRUARY 7. There were 14,819 Red Cross stamps sold in Milford during the holiday season.

FEBRUARY 22. The new George E. Stacy \$80,000 granite school building, Spruce street, opened for public inspection.

MARCH 5. Selectmen elected at annual Town meeting were: John H. Cunningham, Dr. Thomas J. Nugent and Charles V. Waitt.

MARCH 9. At adjourned Town meeting an article calling for civil service for the police department was defeated, 130 to 25.

MARCH 12. At adjourned Town meeting it was voted to appoint a committee to adjust salaries of Town officers, it being 23 years since that had been done. Hon. George F. Birch is chairman.

MARCH 21. Selectmen granted increase from 25 to 30 cents an hour in the pay of patrolmen.

MARCH 22. Webb Pink Granite Co. granted contract for \$300,000 to furnish the granite for the Freer Memorial building in Washington.

MARCH 30. James Lally notified today of his appointment as postmaster of Milford to succeed Mrs. M. J. Cooke.



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MARCH 30. Capt. Pond of Co. M ordered to get his command mobilized in the State Armory on Pearl street and he has 92 men quartered there ready for call.

MARCH 30. Milford's "committee on public safety," formed in Memorial hall building with Judge John C. Lynch as chairman.

APRIL 4. Biggest demonstration in Milford since 1898 was given the boys of Co. M tonight. A street parade of 800 in which it participated, was reviewed by thousands. Exercises were held in Town hall.

APRIL 6. News that Congress declares war on Germany arouses Milford.

APRIL 10. Officers and members of Co. M left Milford today amid a big demonstration, for war duty.

APRIL 12. Town Clerk D. J. Sullivan received a card from President Wilson expressing thanks at the resolutions passed by Milford at annual March Town meeting, pledging loyal support.

APRIL 18. Huckins & Temple Shoe Co., shoe manufacturers, announce a 10 percent. increase in wages and a 50-hour week.

APRIL 22. The first Milford soldier to lose his life while on duty in the war is Private Matteo Calzone, drowned in the Westfield river today. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Giovanni Calzone, 18 East street.

APRIL 30. Oliveri hall building, off East Main street, destroyed by fire.

MAY 1. Milford cast 1,413 votes at Constitutional Convention election. Judge John C. Lynch was one of those elected.

MAY 7. Milford women, under leadership of Mrs. Mary G. Hobart, formed a branch of the Red Cross. There were 200 women present and in the preliminary organization, Dr. Allen E. Cross, pastor of Congregational Church, presided. He was later elected chairman.

MAY 9. Milford & Uxbridge Street Railway Co. announces that on June 4 single fares will be increased from five to six cents.

MAY 12. Quarryworkers and granite manufacturers adjusted differences today by compromising on a 37½ cents an hour rate.



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MAY 16. Baker block, corner of Main and Central streets, damaged by fire to extent of \$5,000 to block and contents.

MAY 18. "War gardens" are springing up all over Milford.

MAY 18. The Indian Club of Milford, tonight unfurled a huge American flag. U. S. Marshal John J. Mitchell of Marlboro, was the orator and Dr. Thomas J. Nugent, chairman of Selectmen, presided.

MAY 19. Capt. W. G. Pond of Co. M returns to Milford to enlist men for war service.

MAY 20. The funeral of Private Calzone took place in Baptist Church this afternoon. Bearers were comrades of Co. M.

JUNE 6. Milford's registration of men between ages of 21 and 31, under the selective conscription plans for war duty, totals 1,239.

JUNE 15. Milford citizens went over the top in its subscriptions for Liberty bonds. Out of its quota of \$260,000, they subscribed \$338,350.

JUNE 18. Selectmen raised the pay of Chief of Police J. T. Murphy from \$1,000 to \$1,200 a year.

JUNE 18. Death of Private Farrell Lindsay of Hopedale, a member of Co. M, killed by a train at Chester.

JUNE 18. F. P. Lee notified that he has been designated head of the Milford committee in charge of Red Cross work.

JUNE 19. Class of 1917, St. Mary's Parochial High school held commencement exercises in Town hall tonight, with 17 graduates, receiving diplomas from Rt. Rev. Thomas D. Beaven.

JUNE 20. A meeting was held in Town Hall tonight in interest of Red Cross work. At its conclusion a meeting of business men was held at which it was announced the Draper Corporation of Hopedale would give \$10,000 toward the campaign and F. P. Lee of Milford will give \$1,000. Teams were selected to canvass Milford and Hopedale for subscriptions.

JUNE 25. Dr. William J. Clarke and Judge Chester F. Williams, both of Milford, and James Heffernan of Blackstone are appointed by Gov. McCall on the draft exemption board. Milford is



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in a district with Ashland, Holliston, Hopedale, Millville, Blackstone and Bellingham.

JUNE 25. Milford school pupils and citizens participated in Mendon today in the exercises celebrating the 250th anniversary of Mendon's incorporation as a town.

JUNE 26. J. Allen Wallace, treasurer of the fund for Red Cross week, announces total subscriptions of \$5,995.25.

JUNE 27. Class of 1917, Milford High school, held graduation exercises in Town hall, with 42 graduates.

JULY 3. Greene Bros., heel manufacturers, today commenced on their fifty-first year of continuous business in Milford.

JULY 6. Mrs. W. F. Dillon, treasurer of Milford-Hopedale Red Cross work, announces 1,738 members enrolled.

JULY 17. Milford's second annual Chatauqua session opens on Town park.

JULY 20. Leo Edward Connors, 98 Prospect Heights, Milford, has the distinction of being the first man picked in the entire United States as a soldier to serve in the United States National Army. His number was 258 and was drawn by Secretary of War Newton Baker, at Washington. Connors is 22 years old and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick J. Connors. George E. Fricker, also of Milford, who lives at 118 West street, was the second man picked for service by Secretary Baker.

JULY 23. Milford's quota for War service is 349 gross, 186 net.

JULY 31. Death of John J. Crahan, Milford's well-known athlete, former sprinter, wrestler and boxer, a native of Milford, aged 55.

JULY 31. Co. M soldiers entertained by throng of 10,000 at Y. M. C. A. garden party on Town Park tonight.

AUGUST 1. Milford milk dealers jump retail price of milk to 12 cents a quart today.

AUGUST 6. Malcolm W. Burnham, aged 23, of Hopedale, is the first man in the Milford division to be enrolled in the military service under the selective draft.

AUGUST 8. State Armory opened to examine those called in



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the selective draft. Leo Edward Connors of Milford, was the first to present himself for examination. He was exempted, however, for physical reason, although not claiming exemption. Alex Ptak of Bellingham was the first man passed and he claimed no exemption.

AUGUST 17. Milford's share of State income tax given as \$21,494.83.

AUGUST 18. Lieut. E. M. Crockett of Milford, designated as brigade quartermaster on the staff of Brig. Gen. Charles H. Cole.

AUGUST 24. The Boston & Albany Railroad Co. announces an increase in passenger rates, effective September 15. The 13-ride ticket for \$1 between Milford and Framingham will be replaced by a 10-ride ticket for \$1.

AUGUST 27. Rev. Samuel Dupertuis, pastor of Methodist Church, announces he is to serve in Y. M. C. A. War work in France.

AUGUST 30. Milford's tax rate announced as \$21.

SEPTEMBER 20. The cider making plant of the D. E. Mowry Co. on Congress street destroyed by fire. The company reports a loss of \$50,000.

SEPTEMBER 21. Milford gives hearty send-off to 75 young men who left Milford for war service this morning.

SEPTEMBER 24. Ladies' Auxiliary of Div. 7, A. O. H., sent sweaters and armlets to the Milford boys of 101st regiment at Camp Devens. They claimed to be the first Milford organization to send such articles to the soldiers.

SEPTEMBER 27. Milford youngsters held a garden exhibit in Dewey Hall.

OCTOBER 5. Milford's second quota for the war left Milford this morning for service, among whom were Principal Christopher A. Fitzgerald of the High school.

OCTOBER 5. Thomas J. Quirk, principal of Stacy school, chosen principal of High school to succeed C. A. Fitzgerald, at \$1,500 salary.

OCTOBER 26. Thurber Medical Association has 64th anniversary banquet and subscribes \$500 to the second Liberty Bond issue.



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OCTOBER 27. Milford citizens subscribed the allotted \$450,000 second Liberty Bond issue.

OCTOBER 28. Valencia Council, K. of C., dedicated a service flag with names of 23 members in the war.

NOVEMBER 6. At State election Charles W. Gould of Milford and Francis Prescott of Grafton, were elected Representatives.

NOVEMBER 9. Milford-Hopedale branch of Red Cross sends 121 Christmas boxes to France for the soldiers of Milford and Hopedale. Previously 174 individual boxes were sent by the branch.

NOVEMBER 22. Y. M. C. A. war work fund closed tonight with \$6,777.07 subscribed.

NOVEMBER 23. Milford's committee on military service report 283 Milford men are in war service.

NOVEMBER 27. James J. Lawton named as Milford representative on the Food Administration Board.

NOVEMBER 30. Miss Kathryn Ruhan, first Milford girl to volunteer for service as a Red Cross nurse, goes to a war camp at Charlotte, N. C.

DECEMBER 7. A triple tie resulted in the Midland League football results as Milford, Natick and Framingham High schools each won four and lost one game.

DECEMBER 13. Death of Maurice E. Nelligan, aged 62. He was a former Selectman, and business man, and was Superintendent of streets at his death.

DECEMBER 17. Drive for new members for Red Cross.

DECEMBER 24. Webb Pink Granite Co. announces a 10 percent increase in wages to granite cutters effective January 1 and another 10 percent. increase April 1.

DECEMBER 26. Valencia Council in its war campaign fund, raised \$4,000.



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1918.

JANUARY 1. Milford Lodge of Moose dedicate a service flag in its rooms. It contains the names of 19 members.

JANUARY 2. Red Cross membership drive resulted in 1,454 new members, and \$1,464.

JANUARY 4. Milford Red Cross workers knitted 473 sweaters for soldiers in France.

JANUARY 5. It cost \$283,686.57 to conduct the various Milford Town departments in 1917.

JANUARY 5. Death of Oliver D. Holmes, aged 78. He was a constable of Milford almost 43 years, was born and always lived here.

JANUARY 8. Vital statistics for 1917 show 141 marriages, 436 births, 230 deaths.

JANUARY 9. Milford Selectmen put ban on all social gatherings in Town hall in the interest of conservation.

JANUARY 14. Upon orders of James J. Storrow, State Fuel Commissioner, Milford business men shorten hours to conserve fuel.

JANUARY 16. By orders from Washington every industry in Milford will close down tomorrow for five days to conserve fuel. Close to 2,000 workers are affected. Further orders state that for ten successive Mondays after the five day order business must cease.

JANUARY 21. Milford public schools reopened today after a vacation because of conservation edict.

JANUARY 23. By the will of the late Mrs. Frances E. Colburn, formerly of Hopedale, Milford Hospital receives a bequest of \$20,000.

JANUARY 30. Fire in Archer Rubber Co.'s factory, Central street, caused loss of \$5,000 to building and contents.

FEBRUARY 1. Death of Sergt. Philip J. Callery of Milford, the first soldier from Milford to die on the battlefields of France. He was 26 years old and the son of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Callery.

FEBRUARY 2. Death of Capt. James Monroe Mason, the oldest man in Milford, aged 90. He was the oldest ex-member of Milford fire department, joining 70 years ago. He was a Civil war veteran.



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FEBRUARY 5. Extreme cold weather, the thermometer registering in places 25 degrees below zero. With the shortage of coal and other fuel, the situation is very uncomfortable. A snowstorm upset all transportation.

FEBRUARY 6. All Milford schools ordered closed because of coal shortage.

FEBRUARY 11. Death of James P. Reynolds, widely-known newspaper reporter and prominent in fraternal societies, aged 41.

FEBRUARY 11. Maj. E. F. Fletcher Post 22, G. A. R., was 50 years old today and tonight its associate members tendered the veterans their annual banquet.

FEBRUARY 12. Milford exemption board receives notice today to send 26 more men to Camp Devens, Ayer, for military duty, on February 26.

FEBRUARY 17. Private Nelson G. Maynard of Milford is the second Milford soldier to die on battlefields of France, word being received here today.

FEBRUARY 23. Registration for March election closes with 2,530 male and 129 female voters.

FEBRUARY 25. Salvation Army reports \$1,274.88 collected in their drive.

FEBRUARY 26. Fifteen men left for the front today.

FEBRUARY 26. Milford fire department members, town officials and citizens tender a complimentary banquet to Henry E. Rockwood, who recently retired from the fire department after 54 years' continuous service.

MARCH 4. Annual Town meeting elects Dr. T. J. Nugent, C. V. Waitt and John H. Cunningham, Selectmen.

MARCH 6. Milford school teachers in a public printed statement deplore the low wages for grade teachers, \$12.50 a week average, and appeal for more money.

MARCH 8. At adjourned Town meeting Milford voters appropriated \$245,217.13 for the year. Salaries of Town Clerk D. J. Sullivan were increased from \$300 to \$500; of Treasurer J. E. Swift from \$600 to \$1,000; Selectmen, \$250 each; Auditor, \$200;



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Overseers of Poor, \$800; Health Board, \$300; Sewer Commissioners, \$650 and Highway Surveyor, \$1,200.

MARCH 14. The large barn of Charles H. Metcalf, Congress street, with all its contents, totally destroyed by fire, causing a loss of \$40,000. Two horses were burned, also three automobiles.

MARCH 15. Regal Shoe Co. employes received a voluntary raise of 10 percent. today.

MARCH 16. Frank R. Fahey, Milford's widely known baseball pitcher, and the first Milford player to join the Major Leagues, reported to the Philadelphia Athletic team today at Philadelphia.

MARCH 19. Eleven Milford and vicinity young men left this afternoon for war service.

MARCH 29. Seventeen more men left Milford for Camp Devens, Ayer, today.

APRIL 5. Awpi's social club unfurled a service flag at their carnival in Town hall tonight, which 700 attended. The flag contains the names of fourteen members, including that of Sergt. Callery, killed in France.

APRIL 19. Death of Murtagh O'Connell, aged 85. He was one of the pioneer Irish settlers here, coming to Milford 52 years ago.

APRIL 27. Milford sent 36 more soldiers to Camp Devens this morning.

APRIL 30. Judge Chester F. Williams of the local draft board reports to date sending 280 men to war service.

MAY 1. Milford again goes over the top in the third Liberty Loan. Its subscription is \$357,300; its quota \$250,000. Milford, thereby will receive an honor flag.

MAY 2. Milford's draft board is the only one of the 122 boards in the State which has not failed in sending out its quota and complying with the war department rules, Adj. Gen. Jesse Stevens of Boston, reports.

MAY 8. Miss Mary Boyle O'Reilly addressed a big audience in Milford Town hall, for the benefit of Red Cross. It was sponsored by Milford Teachers' Association.



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MAY 9. Rt. Rev. Thomas D. Beaven, Bishop of Springfield diocese, confirmed a class of 240 in St. Mary's Church last night.

MAY 17. Massachusetts Gas & Electric Light Commissioners have fixed the price of gas at \$1.67 net per 1,000 cubic feet to Milford consumers.

MAY 21. Milford has demonstration for the American Red Cross tonight with a parade and mass meeting in Town hall.

MAY 25. Milford's quota of \$7,500 for Red Cross oversubscribed. On May 27 the drive closed, \$12,679.69 being secured.

MAY 27. Twenty-six more men from Milford and vicinity towns left Milford this morning for military duty at Camp Upton, New York.

MAY 28. George A. Sherborne, stage coach driver from Milford to Mendon; one of the first to establish a freight express service from Milford to Boston and also a veteran in the teaming and moving business, died today, aged 74.

MAY 28. Miss Kate Chapin, Milford's oldest school teacher, who died May 21, willed her large pitcher collection to Mendon Historical Society and to Milford Hospital a Victrola and records.

MAY 29. Milford Hospital is given \$200 in the will of the late Mrs. Elizabeth C. Fletcher, formerly of Mendon.

JUNE 3. Francis C. Berry, sub-master of High school, enlists in United States navy as a second-class seaman.

JUNE 3. Milford sent 25 more men for war duty today, leaving for Fort Slocum, N. Y.

JUNE 5. Miss Margaret Davoren of Milford, elected Grand Chief Companion of the Grand Circle, Companions of the Forest of America, at the annual convention in Springfield.

JUNE 8. Thomas J. Raftery, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas D. Raftery, a Milford boy, has received an appointment to U. S. Military Academy at Annapolis, Md.

JUNE 10. Rev. Ralph Gillam of Milford is to do service for Y. M. C. A. in France.

JUNE 13. Highway department employes received a raise in pay of five cents an hour, making their daily wage \$3.40.



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JUNE 19. Rev. Ernest L. Loomis, pastor of Baptist Church, notified this morning to report at Fort Banks, Boston. He was recently appointed a Chaplain in the army.

JUNE 24. Milford acquaintances learned today of the death by shell fire, of Rev. Walton S. Danker, former rector of Trinity Episcopal Church, on the French battlefield, June 18.

JUNE 26. Milford High school, Class of 1918, graduated 73 in Town hall tonight.

JUNE 29. To date the public school pupils have in stamp savings, \$1,517.19 and the Parochial schools, \$460.50.

JULY 1. Joseph M. Coldwell, I. W. W. strike leader, gets sentence of three years at Atlanta penitentiary for sedition.

JULY 6. Twenty-nine Milford and vicinity men left this morning for Fort Slocum, N. Y.

JULY 9. Private Arthur J. Carron of Milford, was killed in action, June 23, on the French battlefield, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carron, receiving notice today. He was 21 years old.

JULY 15. Milford's Chautauqua opened its third season on Town Park.

JULY 16. Milford celebrated the successful Yankee and French drive of six miles on the German front tonight. The fire alarm was sounded and the bell on Town hall rung at intervals. There was an impromptu parade, bonfires built and general rejoicing.

JULY 17. Death of Loring P. Webber, aged 60, owner of Hotel Willian and a resident of Milford 31 years.

JULY 17. Milford Daily Journal established about 30 years ago, suspends publication and today was sold to and consolidated with the Milford Daily News.

JULY 19. Charlescraft Press starts printing business.

JULY 20. First motor-driven apparatus for fire department in use, the horse-drawn Combination wagon being motorized. William Ahearn was the first driver.

JULY 20. Sergt. John W. Powers and Private Charles L. Fuller, Jr., both of Co. M, Milford residents, killed in action on the French battlefield.



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AUGUST 9. Death of Private Frank C. Esmond of Milford, today, on the French battlefield.

AUGUST 20. Assessors announced tax rate as \$22.60. The Town's valuation is \$10,485,690.

AUGUST 30. Public Service Commission grants M. & U. Street Railway Co. the right to increase its single fares from six to seven cents.

SEPTEMBER 20. Milford schools are closed on account of the Spanish Influenza epidemic, which to date has taken the lives of six residents.

SEPTEMBER 26. Mr. and Mrs. Charles O. Prentice celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary.

SEPTEMBER 28. Board of Health establishes an emergency Hospital in Y. M. C. A. building for influenza patients.

OCTOBER 19. Milford goes over the top in the fourth loan drive. The quota was \$400,000, but \$570,000 worth of bonds were sold.

NOVEMBER 6. At State election Charles W. Gould, of Milford, and Jeremiah P. Keating, of Westboro, were elected Representatives.

NOVEMBER 10. Dodds Granite Co. starts business in Milford.

NOVEMBER 11. Celebration to commemorate the signing of the armistice and the opening of the week's campaign of the United War Work societies.

NOVEMBER 13. There were over 90 deaths from influenza in Milford up to date.

NOVEMBER 18. Milford fills her quota of \$20,000 for United War Work campaign.

DECEMBER 10. Dr. T. J. Nugent is appointed war risk examiner.

DECEMBER 28. Milford secures 2,144 Red Cross members in the drive.



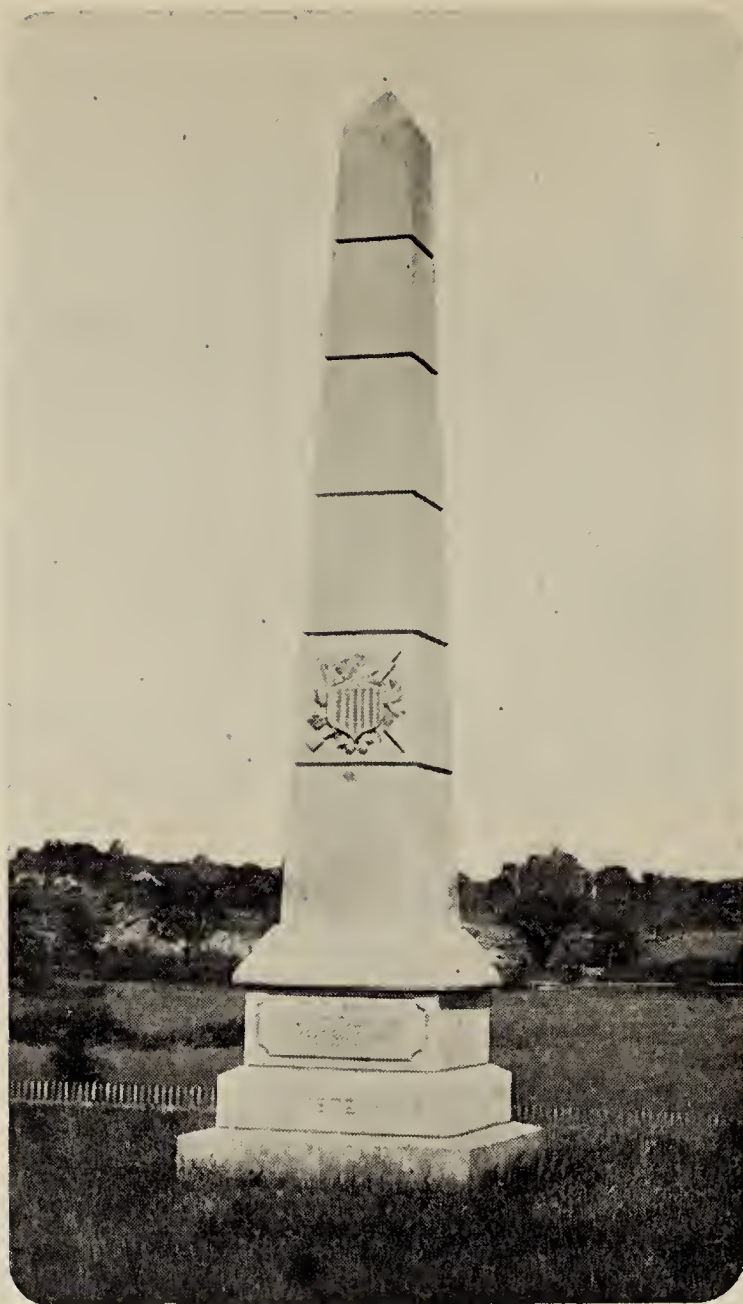


Old Milford High School Building—  
Burned in 1900.



Largest stone ever quarried in Milford.  
Milford Pink Granite Co.





Soldiers' Monument  
in Vernon Grove Cemetery.



The Red Shop in present location in Hopedale. Part of this building was the original North Works where the Draper Company started. An old view of this building is shown just to the right of the large shop in the 1880 view of the plant.



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JANUARY 16. The total receipts in Milford from all sources for 1918 were \$544,480.27. The State tax was \$24,310; County tax, \$11,735.

JANUARY 31. The large cutting shed of Dodds Granite Co. on East Main street is destroyed by fire.

FEBRUARY 14. Milford draft board is credited with being the first to report its records and accounts ready for shipment to Washington.

FEBRUARY 17. The gas rate is increased to \$2.10 per 1,000.

APRIL 4. Milford gives about 50 members of the 26th Division a notable greeting on its return with parade and speeches.

APRIL 23. Valencia Council holds its silver jubilee banquet.

APRIL 30. The five local bodies of Odd Fellows celebrate the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Order.

MAY 7. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gay, Sumner street, celebrate the 63rd anniversary of their wedding.

JUNE 8. Valencia Council, K. of C. dedicate a beautiful flag to the memory of Sergt. John W. Powers, killed in France.

JUNE 20. Milford High school graduates 43 pupils.

JULY 15. Sergeant John W. Powers Post 59, American Legion is officially organized at the Armory.

AUGUST 19. At special Town meeting tonight, \$6,500 was voted for a new heating apparatus in High school building; \$1,000 appropriated for the police department to increase pay of patrolmen from 30 to 40 cents an hour. It was also voted to install 30 additional hydrants for fire protection.

AUGUST 21. Assessors today announced the tax rate \$26.70.

SEPTEMBER 6. The 16th annual report of the Hospital shows 965 patients admitted; 639 out-patients treated.

SEPTEMBER 18. Death of Peter Ross, veteran granite man, aged 72 years. Mr. Ross was an enthusiastic promoter of Milford's granite industry, coming here nearly 40 years ago.

OCTOBER 9. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Swift celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.



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OCTOBER 29. Court Milford, F. of A., welcome home from war, 71 of its members with parade and reception in Town hall. Major General C. R. Edwards was the guest of honor. Music was furnished by the 101st Y. D. band.

NOVEMBER 5. State Representatives elected were Charles W. Gould, of Milford, and John P. Keating, of Westboro.

NOVEMBER 8. Death of Martin Broderick, a patrolman for 25 years, aged 77 years.

NOVEMBER 13. Milford Lodge of Moose welcomes home 39 of its members, who went to war.

NOVEMBER 15. A new addition is being erected to the Milford Iron foundry, 106x178 feet.

NOVEMBER 18. Milford Lodge, 628, B. P. O. E., celebrates its 19th anniversary and welcome home more than 60 of its war veterans.

DECEMBER 1. The Plains A. C. opens first boxing bout in Driving Park hall.

DECEMBER 9. Death of Mrs. Ann Raynolds Fitzmaurice, Milford's oldest resident, aged about 100 years.

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JANUARY 22. Augustus Wheeler resigns as president of the Milford National Bank, a position he has held since October 25, 1909. He had served as cashier from November 20, 1874, to 1909. Victor W. Collier, of Boston succeeds him.

FEBRUARY 17. Milford Textile Co. starts manufacture of handkerchiefs in Magid-Hope silk mill.

MARCH 2. Milford voters elect as Selectmen, John H. Cunningham, Charles V. Waitt and Dr. Thomas J. Nugent.

MARCH 15. Milford Shoe Co., incorporated in 1889, is acquired by new owners and these officers are chosen: President and Treasurer, P. A. MacBride; manager, P. L. Lally; assistant manager, F. W. Frost.

MARCH 16. Golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Francis G. Pond.



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MARCH 18. Milford Lodge of Elks purchases the G. M. Greene property on Main street. The house will be remodeled and a lodge room and banquet hall added.

APRIL 27. Milford is honored with a concert by John McCormack, the famous tenor, in Town hall.

APRIL 28. Post office robbery is frustrated by telephone girls.

MAY 11. Tisquantum Lodge, No. 46, I. O. O. F., buys the Shippee mansion for home and club house.

MAY 21. The New England Jewelers' Institute, a Massachusetts corporation, buys the former G. W. Johnson property. This will become the first jewelers' technical training institute in the United States.

JUNE 3. State tax for Milford is \$31,220.

JUNE 5. Thomas J. Quirk elected Principal of High school to succeed C. A. Fitzgerald.

JUNE 7. Death of Daniel J. Cronan, aged 69 years. He was Selectman for three years and Highway Surveyor for two years.

JUNE 9. Golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. George S. Whitney.

JUNE 13. Funeral of Private Henry A. Julian, whose body was the first of the Milford soldiers, who died in France, to be brought home.

JUNE 16. Death, by drowning, of Selectman Charles V. Waitt, in Lake Chauncy, Westboro, aged 50 years. He was Selectman for four years and was in the livery business.

JUNE 28. Milford High graduates 53 pupils.

AUGUST 25. Golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Logee.

AUGUST 30. Milford holds the first session for women to register for voting. The first name listed was Miss Florence Aldrich.

SEPTEMBER 3. Golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Crowell.

SEPTEMBER 7. Women of Milford, 156 in number, vote for the first time at the primaries.



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SEPTEMBER 15. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Democratic candidate for vice-president, addresses about 600 citizens in Lincoln square. He is now (1930) Governor of New York.

SEPTEMBER 28. The tax rate for this year is \$26.50.

OCTOBER 8. A tombstone, dated October 1, 1811, in memory of William Legg, son of Nahum and Anna Legg, was unearthed by workmen engaged in laying the foundation for the new lodge hall of the Elks.

OCTOBER 13. Valencia Council, K. of C., dedicates a granite boulder and memorial bronze tablet to Sergt. John W. Powers and formally dedicated Powers Square.

OCTOBER 17. The corner stone for the Elks new lodge and home is laid.

OCTOBER 23. There are 1,674 women voters in town and 2,534 men.

OCTOBER 29. Total valuation is \$12,946,230.

NOVEMBER 3. At State election Charles W. Gould is elected Senator; E. M. Crockett of Milford and H. S. Shepard of Shrewsbury, Representatives.

NOVEMBER 4. There are 2,455 pupils enrolled in Milford schools.

DECEMBER 21. Death of Rev. Fr. D. F. McGrath, pastor of St. Mary's Church.

DECEMBER 29. Our population is 13,471 according to U. S. census.

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JANUARY 13. Funeral of Private Michael J. Fitzgerald, Jr., member of Co. M, 104th Regt., 26 Division, whose body was brought back from France.

FEBRUARY 9. Death of James E. Macuen, owner of Louisa Lake Ice Co., aged 77 years.

FEBRUARY 14. Mr. and Mrs. Alverado H. Smith celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

MARCH 3. Milford Red Cross branch besieged by applicants for assistance in looking up delayed allotments, pensions, etc., due



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to the drastic cut in war-time wages, lack of employment and industrial depression. The branch has opened rooms in Grant building and assisted many.

MARCH 7. Milford women, to the number of 1,287, voted at annual Town meeting today for the first time. John H. Egan, John H. Cunniff and Francis G. Kerr were chosen Selectmen.

MARCH 9. At adjourned annual Town meeting Milford Teachers' Association was successful in its campaign for increased salaries, the meeting voting \$20,000 instead of \$12,000 recommended by Finance Committee.

MARCH 11. The total Town appropriations were \$364,619.24. The salary of Highway Surveyor was raised from \$1,200 to \$1,700; appropriations of \$12,500 made for sewers; salaries of the Assessors increased from \$3.50 to \$4 a day.

MARCH 14. Annual meeting of Ladies' Aid Association of the Hospital shows for this year 251 members in Milford, 195 in Hopedale, 41 in Mendon, 16 in Franklin.

MARCH 28. John W. Powers Post, American Legion, elects William S. Dineen, manager of baseball team to be conducted in the summer.

APRIL 30. Death of James Bradley, aged 90, Milford's oldest resident. He lived in Milford 70 years.

MAY 10. Death of George L. Maynard, Past Commander of Post 22, G. A. R., aged 78. He lived in Milford 50 years, was a former merchant and was active in Masonic circles.

MAY 13. School Committee adopted a new salary schedule for teachers.

MAY 23. Principal Thomas J. Quirk of High school, received notice from Clarence D. Kingsbury, agent for the State Board of Education, that the Milford school is in Class A. Its graduates can enter State Normal schools without an examination.

MAY 30. St. Mary's Academy baseball team defeated High school today, for the second time, thereby winning the school championship.

MAY 30. Plains A. C. baseball team defeated Manville, 8 to 2 on Town Park today in the opening game.



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JUNE 2. Milford Opera House block was bought today by Sarkins Markarian, Toros J. Markarian and Harry G. Markarian, all of Worcester, for \$75,000.

JUNE 2. One-man electric cars run for first time today by M., A. & W. Street Railway Co.

JUNE 5. The body of Sergt. Philip J. Callery arrived in Milford this morning and was taken to the State Armory. Sergt. Callery was killed in France. His funeral on June 6 was a full military one and members of the Legion, Co. M and members of the societies to which he belonged, attended.

JUNE 7. Tag day in Milford and surrounding towns netted Milford Hospital \$860.

JUNE 16. The military funeral of Private Patrick J. Nelligan, killed in France, was held from the Armory on Pearl street this morning.

JUNE 21. Class of 1921, St. Mary's Parochial High school, graduates nine scholars.

JUNE 29. Class of 1921, High school has 39 graduates.

JUNE 30. Milford Lodge of Elks moved into their new home today. Fully 500 members assembled in the old quarters in Gilon block and marched in a body to the new home. Parade, flag raising and other exercises followed.

JULY 13. Cenedella & Co., of Milford, awarded contract to build a sewer trunk line in Northbridge for \$65,000.

JULY 25. Steps taken at meeting in Dewey hall for formation of Chamber of Commerce. There were 25 present and it was reported 100 have signified their intention of joining.

JULY 28. Severe thunder and rain storm visits Milford. The spire of Baptist Church was struck, trees blown down on Congress, South Main and West Spruce streets and 200 telephone lines affecting 500 subscribers, put out of commission.

JULY 30. Body of Sergt. John W. Powers, for whom the Legion Post and Powers Square were named, arrives in Milford from France and placed in the Armory. On August 2 the body, after a military funeral, was taken to Medway and buried in St. Joseph's cemetery.



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AUGUST 1. Milford's annual Chautauqua opens for the week on Town Park.

AUGUST 17. Death of Patrolman Michael Nolan, aged 64. He was a Milford constable since 1903, a patrolman since 1905 and was widely-known. His remains lay in State in Dewey hall.

AUGUST 18. The Milford Foresters' degree team won first prize, \$500, and the championship of the United States in Foresters' ritualistic work at Baltimore in competition with Foresters' teams from all over the country.

AUGUST 20. The victorious Foresters' degree team given enthusiastic reception tonight on its return to Milford from Baltimore.

SEPTEMBER 10. Miss Margaret Davoren, of Milford, is re-elected Supreme Councilor of Supreme Circle, C. of F. of A.

SEPTEMBER 16. Milford's 1921 tax rate is \$27.00.

SEPTEMBER 20. Dedication exercises of the new Elks' home held. Among the guests were Gov. Channing Cox and Congressman Samuel Winslow.

OCTOBER 11. Town appropriations are \$362,034.94; State tax, \$31,230; special State tax, \$1,471.80; County tax, \$15,681; total to be levied, \$411,373.39. Total valuation of Milford, \$12,199,120.

NOVEMBER 11. Dedication exercises of the Memorial Statue at Supple Square. It was unveiled by Master Philip Callery, son of Sergt. Philip Callery, the first Milford boy to die overseas while in the service. Gen. Charles H. Cole was principal speaker.

NOVEMBER 15. Harry D. Whitney is appointed Milford Postmaster.

NOVEMBER 27. Sleet storm for three days does great damage in Milford. Trees, poles and wires were broken by the weight of ice which accumulated in immense quantities. Electric power and lights were cut off and traveling was extremely difficult.

DECEMBER 29. A police signal of red lights will be operated from the Telephone exchange and installed free by the telephone company.



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JANUARY 3. Harry D. Whitney becomes postmaster and Clerk Allan J. Cooke, assistant.

JANUARY 21. \$10,000 loss by fire in the Smith building, Central street.

JANUARY 30. Death of Mrs. Amanda Fairbanks, Milford's oldest woman, aged 92 years.

MARCH 7. In Town election Selectmen chosen were John H. Cunniff, Francis G. Kerr and John H. Egan.

MARCH 12. Legion Post decides to have a baseball team.

MARCH 20. At adjourned Town meeting tonight \$300 was voted Milford & Uxbridge Street Railway Co. for assistance in operating the road and it was voted to sell the land on Pearl street, where stood the former Universalist Church destroyed by fire. When adjournment was had at midnight the appropriations reached \$389,712.

MARCH 24. Ring & Welch today bought Gillon block. The property is assessed for \$76,000.

MARCH 24. Rev. Fr. John A. Dunphy, acting pastor of St. Mary's Church today bought from the Selectmen the land on Pearl street formerly the Universalist Church site, for \$600.

APRIL 3. W. D. Howard, South Main street florist, secures four out of five first prizes for his carnations at the National flower show at Indianapolis, Ind.

APRIL 17. Plains A. C. votes to play semi-professional baseball this year and selected Anthony Solari, captain.

APRIL 24. The Barney estate coal yard on Depot street bought by the Cutler Grain Co.

MAY 2. Representatives of 25 organizations in Milford tonight formed the Milford Community Service Council.

MAY 3. Milford celebrated the centennial of the birth of the late Gen. U. S. Grant with a civic and military parade and exercises in Town hall.

MAY 5. Miss Katherine McNamara, a public school teacher 42 years, present principal of Claflin school, resigns.



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MAY 6. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Lyons celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. He is a Civil War veteran.

MAY 8. Div. 7, A. O. H. Ladies' Auxiliary observes 25th anniversary.

MAY 16. Sons of Veterans Auxiliary instituted in Memorial hall tonight with 33 charter members. Mrs. Edith Dickerson was elected president.

MAY 17. After five years of strained Athletic relations, Milford High and Framingham High crossed bats today at Framingham. The latter was defeated 5 to 0.

MAY 30. Milford High school baseball team defeated St. Mary's Academy, 7 to 5 and won the school championship of Milford.

JUNE 1. Thomas J. Connor, native of and always a resident of Milford, died tonight, aged 62. He was a well-known member of the fire department and had been a letter carrier 27 years.

JUNE 1. Thomas J. Raftery, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Raftery, North Bow street, graduated from the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., today. He is the first Milford boy to graduate from the Academy.

JUNE 5. Bay State quarry on Cedar street was sold today to George Fuller & Co., of Worcester and New York for \$54,500.

JUNE 7. Samuel Goldberg has completed a new block on Central street containing five stores.

JUNE 21. Class of 1922, St. Mary's Parochial High school, at exercises in Town hall, tonight, had 19 graduates. Rt. Rev. Thomas M. O'Leary, Bishop of Springfield diocese, presented diplomas.

JUNE 22. John A. Casson, aged 74, Civil war veteran, has smallpox. It is the first case of the dread disease in Milford for years.

JUNE 23. G. Porter Woodbury, retired business man, postmaster of Milford from 1867 to 1869 under President Johnson and prominent citizen, attained his 85th birthday anniversary today.

JUNE 25. Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Waldron, 18 Fayette street, today attained their 55th wedding anniversary.



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JUNE 28. Forty members of the Class of 1922, Milford High school, received diplomas at the graduation exercises in Town hall tonight.

JUNE 30. Fifty years ago today, St. Mary's Church was dedicated. The erection of it began in 1866.

JULY 17. Death of Charles A. Claflin, aged 67, a native of Milford. Was prominent in financial and business affairs of the town.

JULY 24. All Milford public squares are to be renamed for war heroes, the Selectmen so deciding today. Depot Square will be known as Esmond Square; Excelsior Square at corner of Main and Spruce streets, will be named Callery Square; the square at the junction of East Main and Medway streets will be called Nelligan Square and the square at junction of School, Purchase and Pearl streets will be called Fuller Square. Powers Square had already been named. All are named for Milford boys and all lost their lives in the World war.

JULY 25. Harris J. Porter of Framingham today acquired the property on Main street known as the Alhambra and also the Heath blocks with the stable and bowling and billiard buildings in the rear, from Lucius E. and Nathan W. Heath.

JULY 27. Michael F. Green, one of the tenants in the Heath block, today bought the Baker block, corner of Main and Central streets, assessed for \$25,000.

JULY 27. Chautauqua opened its annual program on Town Park today.

JULY 28. By the will of the late Charles A. Claflin, \$2,000 is bequeathed to the Milford Congregational Parish.

AUGUST 1. The E. Howard Clock Co. of Boston is installing a new glass dial in the Town clock. The clock will be illuminated at night.

AUGUST 2. The Magid-Hope brick shop on North Bow street, the Greene Bros. heel manufactory and other buildings and land off Central street, also the Keefe buildings and land on Pond street were today sold to Frederick W. Neptune of Arlington by Moses G. Rhodes of New York. The total valuation of all the property is \$32,900.



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AUGUST 3. Blunt block, corner of Main and Franklin streets was today sold to Richard A. Gilfoyle. The property is assessed for \$11,700.

AUGUST 5. Miss Ellen Conrick, Superintendent of Milford Hospital, resigns, to take effect September 1.

AUGUST 6. Milford Lodge, Sons of Italy, was organized in Milford tonight.

AUGUST 12. Patrick E. Sweeney has been named as fuel administrator in Milford, by James J. Storrow, State administrator.

AUGUST 15. Luigi Lucchini & Sons of Milford were today awarded the contract to build a mile and two-fifths of a state road on Medway street for \$25,622.75.

AUGUST 16. There were 66 Milford persons arraigned in District Court today before Judge Chester F. Williams, charged with either non-payment of dog licenses or keeping dogs not collared, according to law. The above is the record for one day in Milford and due to recent visits in Milford by County Dog Officer W. G. Boynton of West Boylston.

AUGUST 25. Co. C, 181st regiment, left the State Armory today for Camp Devens, Ayer, to remain on duty until Labor Day, under U. S. A. service conditions. It is the first time since 1916 that a command has left here for similar duties.

SEPTEMBER 13. There are 2,859 pupils enrolled in public schools.

SEPTEMBER 16. Montgomery Lodge, Masons, is celebrating its 125th anniversary this week.

OCTOBER 7. Appropriate ceremonies mark the dedication of the four squares named for Milford war heroes.

NOVEMBER 8. At State election, these were elected: Senator, Eben S. Draper; Representatives to General Court, Elbert M. Crockett of Milford and Albert E. Hutt of Southboro.

NOVEMBER 20. Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel F. Blake celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary.

NOVEMBER 25. Hard coal is selling for \$15 per ton in town.

DECEMBER 4. The State tax for Milford for 1922 is \$26,520.



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JANUARY 6. In 1922 there were 166 marriages recorded, 225 deaths, 451 births.

JANUARY 10. Hon. Charles W. Gould is appointed Clerk of District Court.

FEBRUARY 15. Milford is facing a serious coal situation.

FEBRUARY 17. Tisquantum Lodge home is badly damaged by fire, loss about \$10,000.

FEBRUARY 18. Mr. and Mrs. Horace S. Aldrich celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

MARCH 1. Milford Provision Co.'s Sausage plant damaged by a \$10,000 fire.

MARCH 5. At Town election Selectmen chosen are: John H. Cunniff, John E. Higgiston and Dean R. Spindel.

MARCH 12. Death of Henry C. Snell, Deputy Sheriff for 40 years, aged 81 years.

MARCH 17. Total appropriations are \$424,211.88.

APRIL 2. Div. 7, A. O. H. holds its 50th annual Easter Monday dance.

APRIL 26. Death of Mortimer J. Reynolds, aged 64 years. He was Tax Collector for five years.

APRIL 29. Death of Abbott A. Jenkins, former Selectman of Milford, aged 74 years.

APRIL 29. Rudolph Valentino, famous screen star, visits Milford.

MAY 15. Harry Berger, expert camera man of the movies, takes pictures of Milford in motion.

JUNE 19. Mrs. Kate E. (Martin) Edwards is honored in High school hall upon the attainment of half a century of continuous teaching in the public schools of Milford. Letters of congratulation were read from President Harding, Gov. Cox and Payson Smith, Massachusetts Commissioner of Education.

JUNE 26. Telephone strike starts in Milford, but the exchange service is maintained by non-union girls.



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JUNE 30. Milford High school graduates 62 pupils this year.

JULY 24. The Mansion House is being remodeled.

JULY 26. Telephone strike ends.

AUGUST 10. Milford holds memorial services for the late President Harding.

SEPTEMBER 1. Milford Daily News Co. today bought the Mayhew Mansion on Park Terrace from Tisquantum Lodge, Odd Fellows and will remodel it for their use.

SEPTEMBER 13. George Porter Woodbury, aged 87, a resident of Milford since 1852, died today. He was former postmaster and a prominent business man.

SEPTEMBER 17. Pastime Club inaugurates amateur boxing.

SEPTEMBER 18. The Selectmen granted Chamber of Commerce permission to erect highway signs advertising Milford.

SEPTEMBER 20. Assessors announced today the tax rate for 1923, \$28.60.

SEPTEMBER 26. Semi-annual report of Co-operative bank shows assets of \$1,181,886.64.

SEPTEMBER 27. Lewis Hayden has started his fiftieth year as a Justice of the Peace and today received reappointment by Gov. Channing Cox. His first appointment in 1874 was by Gov. Thomas Talbot. He has the distinction of occupying the same office quarters in Washington Hall block since 1872.

OCTOBER 1. Blunt block is renamed Lincoln Square Building. Dr. William J. Clarke, who has had an office in the block for almost half a century removed today to his residence on Spruce street.

OCTOBER 2. Stockholders of Milford Holding Co., owners of Hopedale Mfg. Co.'s plant off Sumner street, voted at annual meeting last night to increase the capital stock from \$100,000 to \$200,000 and declared a five percent. dividend. The new iron foundry is completed.

OCTOBER 8. Daniel Fitzpatrick, aged 94 years and 4 months, the oldest man in Milford, died this afternoon. He lived in Milford 70 years.

OCTOBER 15. Rt. Rev. Thomas M. O'Leary, Bishop of Springfield, confirmed a class of 300 in St. Mary's Church tonight.



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OCTOBER 16. Hose 4 of Milford fire department, wins first prize in the dry hose coupling contest at the Ashland firemen's muster and field day.

OCTOBER 18. Joseph C. Bruce and Harold F. Jones, both Milford young men and graduates of High school and Georgetown law school, admitted to the bar at the session of the Supreme Court of the United States at Washington.

OCTOBER 22. Sergt.-Maj. Earle A. Matherson, a Milford boy, son of Mrs. Inez Matherson, Prospect street, is with the Manila, P. I. relief expedition for the earthquake areas in Japan.

OCTOBER 27. William J. Collins Foundry Co., Inc., today bought the old Athletic baseball grounds on East Main street, for a foundry site.

OCTOBER 30. Carroll, Hixon, Jones Co. today bought the buildings they have occupied the last 20 years for straw manufacturing on Pearl street. The property is assessed for \$32,000.

NOVEMBER 1. Seventy-five members of Milford Chamber of Commerce today observed "Apple Day" at suggestion of Massachusetts Department of Agriculture. All had apples on display.

NOVEMBER 6. Post 22 receives a gift of a standard of bronze, bearing a volume of 500 photographic views of the funeral of Gen. U. S. Grant in New York, August 8, 1885.

NOVEMBER 13. Mercantile Bureau of Chamber of Commerce has a trade show in Town hall.

NOVEMBER 15. Milford Teachers' Association celebrates its tenth anniversary.

NOVEMBER 16. The Newcomb heirs property, consisting of Mechanics block, the W. P. Roberts cigar store building and the Newcomb home property on Main street, were sold today to Abraham Herwitz of Boston. The house is to be removed and a business block erected.

NOVEMBER 28. Milford Foundry Holding Co. organized with a capital of \$12,000.

DECEMBER 1. George F. Parker, elected Great Sachem of the Massachusetts Red Men, tendered reception in Red Men's hall to-



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night by grand officers of the order, Oghneta tribe and Katequaw Council, with which he is affiliated.

DECEMBER 7. John E. Higgiston, Chairman of Selectmen, appointed by Gov. Channing Cox honorary member of State Committee on Harding memorial week.

DECEMBER 7. Sale of Mechanics block, Main street today to Nathan Glatky.

DECEMBER 14. Arcade block, Main street, bought today by Werber & Rose. The property is assessed for \$15,000.

DECEMBER 16. Clarence DeMar, noted Marathon runner, gave a talk on Athletics in Baptist Church tonight.

DECEMBER 19. Death of Thomas P. Wilkinson, aged 72. He was born and always lived in Milford and was a former straw hat manufacturer.

DECEMBER 22. J. P. Keating & Co., of Westboro, awarded contract to build the new St. Mary's Parochial High school for \$92,777.

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JANUARY 2. Selectmen unanimously refused to grant Sunday moving picture licenses.

JANUARY 2. Milford Foundry Holding Co. organized with Arthur Webb, president.

JANUARY 4. There were 177 marriages and 226 deaths recorded in 1923.

JANUARY 5. Death of John H. Cunningham, aged 52. He was a Selectman three years and a former real estate dealer.

JANUARY 11. Death of James B. Haggerty, a native of Milford, aged 56. Was an old-time Milford baseball pitcher and was assistant baseball and athletic coach at Dartmouth college for 35 years.

JANUARY 15. Myron Morey of Milford, elected president of Massachusetts Farm Bureau at sixth annual Agricultural Conference in Worcester today.

FEBRUARY 4. Flags on all public buildings in Milford at half-mast owing to death of ex-President Woodrow Wilson.



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FEBRUARY 9. Clan Gordon, No. 263, Royal Order of Scottish Clans, instituted tonight with Alexander Whyte as chief.

FEBRUARY 12. Valencia Council, K. of C., celebrated its 30th anniversary in its quarters in Washington Hall block, tonight. Supreme Director W. C. Prout and State officials were present. It was announced that nineteen of the thirty-seven charter members are living.

FEBRUARY 23. Registration for March election closed tonight with names of 2,751 males and 1,942 females.

MARCH 4. James Logan, John E. Higgiston and Dean R. Spindel are elected Selectmen.

MARCH 8. A local Lodge of Daughters of Scotia is organized.

MARCH 31. The stone quarried by Milford Pink Granite Co. to be used as the column shaft on the First Division monument in Washington, measures 35 feet by five feet, six inches and weighs 65 tons.

APRIL 27. The Diamond Jubilee of the Methodist Church is being held.

MAY 3. Death of S. Alden Eastman, one of the leading business men of this town, aged 75 years.

MAY 20. There are 2,105 share-holders in Co-operative Bank, having 17,289 shares.

MAY 30. The first military mass ever held in Milford, in St. Mary's cemetery, with Rev. Fr. W. F. Grace as celebrant.

JUNE 7. The Carroll, Hixon, Jones Co. strawshop is hit by lightning and fire nearly destroys the plant, with loss of almost \$75,000.

JUNE 11. Death of Rev. Fr. William F. Grace, pastor of St. Mary's Church.

JUNE 13. Stacy school is presented an American flag by the W. R. C.

JUNE 25. Milford High school graduates 59 pupils.

JULY 30. Golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Waldo E. Cheney.

AUGUST 3. Death of Thomas O. Nelson, one of the two first



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letter carriers of the local post office, aged 60 years, six months, three days.

SEPTEMBER 7. Columbia Lodge, No. 346, Daughters of Italy, Independent Order, was instituted this afternoon with 97 charter members. Mrs. Peter Sciarini was elected venerable.

SEPTEMBER 8. There is an enrollment of 2,959 in the public schools.

SEPTEMBER 9. At the State primary today, Milford cast 1,058 votes, of which 795 were Republicans, 261 Democrats; 290 women voting. Senator Eben S. Draper of Hopedale defeated Elbert M. Crockett of Milford for the Republican nomination in the Fourth Worcester Senatorial district.

SEPTEMBER 11. Assessors announced the tax rate at \$28.80.

SEPTEMBER 12. Milford celebrated National Defense Day tonight with a military and civic street parade and patriotic exercises in the State Armory.

SEPTEMBER 14. Societa Operaia Italiana celebrates its 34th anniversary. A feature was the presence of 25 of the charter members.

SEPTEMBER 15. Albert "Hop" Riopel, star Holy Cross College athlete, engaged as coach of Milford High school football eleven.

SEPTEMBER 16. Plains A. C. reported a loss of \$250 trying to provide Milford with a baseball team this season.

SEPTEMBER 19. W. M. Sherman today bought one of the original stage coaches used 50 years ago on the road between Boston and Providence. It seats 30 people.

SEPTEMBER 20. The first annual reunion of 60 of the pupils of Purchase grammar school of 50 years ago, was held this morning at the school. The teacher, Mrs. Susan (Joslin) Smithurst, of Randolph, Vt., rang the bell today as was her custom a half century ago and the "pupils" marched from the school yard into the school to the seats they formerly used.

SEPTEMBER 23. Lieut. Fred A. Nealon is acting Captain of Co. I.

SEPTEMBER 26. The New England Jewelers' Institute dormitory, Congress street, damaged by fire this morning.



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SEPTEMBER 29. Death of Rufus Coffin Eldridge, aged 89 years and 10 days. He was the oldest merchant in Milford, having continuously, for 66 years, owned and conducted the same jewelry, watch and clock store on Main street. He was prominent in Masonic circles.

SEPTEMBER 30. District Nursing Association, started in 1919, reports that since 1921 to present time receipts were \$18,500 and the expenses much in excess. The work is planned to keep within the budget of \$6,500 this next year.

SEPTEMBER 30. Selectmen of Milford, Franklin, Bellingham and Wrentham tonight granted the Johnson Bus Lines, Inc., a franchise to operate busses through the four towns.

OCTOBER 4. The Milford, Attleboro & Woonsocket Street Railway Co. discontinued their running of electric cars last night after 25 years of service.

OCTOBER 4. Tag day for the District Nursing Association netted approximately \$1,000.

OCTOBER 4. Johnson Bus Lines, Inc., began running busses to Woonsocket, Bellingham, Franklin and Wrentham today.

OCTOBER 17. Death of Milford's oldest resident, William F. Connors, aged 95. He lived in Milford 70 years.

OCTOBER 22. Registration for the November presidential election closed tonight with 4,949—2,832 males and 2,117 females.

OCTOBER 28. Annual two-day trade show of Chamber of Commerce opens with notable exhibits by merchants and large attendance.

OCTOBER 29. The Beacon Chambers property, formerly known as the Lincoln House, including all the buildings and land on the corner of School and Pine streets between the Universalist Church and Memorial Hall building, was tonight bought by Morris Kirsner and Aaron Heitin, both of Milford. The property is assessed for \$57,000.

OCTOBER 29. Granite Chapter, O. E. S., celebrated its 30th anniversary tonight in Masonic hall. Grand officers were present as were also nine of the thirteen charter members of the Chapter.



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NOVEMBER 1. Co. M closed its three-day reunion with dedication of Nelligan Square and a banquet.

NOVEMBER 4. Presidential election called out the largest vote ever cast in Milford, 4,476 and surprised all by going Republican, Coolidge receiving 1,847 and Davis 1,658 votes. Eben S. Draper of Hopedale was reelected Senator; Irving E. Walker of Westboro and Robert S. Leonard of Grafton, elected Representatives.

NOVEMBER 18. Abram S. Schnee of Bridgeport, Conn., today bought from Robert Porter of Framingham, the business blocks, 150 to 156 Main street. The property is assessed for \$98,500, but from the cancelled stamps the sale price appears to be about \$160,000.

NOVEMBER 20. E. A. Varney purchased the Jewelers' institute property on Congress street, damaged by fire and is to rebuild and remodel it for apartments.

NOVEMBER 23. Milford Hebrew Association burned the mortgage on its Synagogue at a banquet last night.

NOVEMBER 27. Milford High school football team closed a very successful season today by defeating Clinton High, 3 to 0, at Clinton. The team lost but one game this season, to Natick, 8 to 7.

NOVEMBER 30. Death of Charles E. Brock, aged 82, Civil war veteran, Past Commander of Post 22 and prominent Red Man.

DECEMBER 5. Death of Augustus Wheeler, aged 82, former president of Milford National Bank, Civil War veteran and a resident here since 1874, when he accepted the position of cashier of the bank.

DECEMBER 5. Princess Margaret Boncompagni today presented the District Nursing Association a check to cover expenses of a supervising nurse. The gift is to be in memory of her father, Gen. W. F. Draper.

DECEMBER 9. Miss Mary Mongeau elected Superintendent of Milford Hospital.

DECEMBER 11. Princess Boncompagni tendered a reception by Columbia Lodge, Daughters of Italy, and made its honorary president.

DECEMBER 12. By the will of the late Augustus Wheeler, \$6,000 is left to Congregational Parish, \$1,000 of which is to be



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known as the Augustus Wheeler Century Fund and \$2,000 to the Sunday School for a Christmas fund. Bequests of \$3,000 are given to the relief fund of the Grand Army and \$1,000 each to Y. M. C. A. and Relief Corps of the Grand Army.

DECEMBER 16. Milford High school football squad of 1924 tendered a banquet and reception.

DECEMBER 20. Princess Boncompagni and her brothers, George Otis and Clare H. Draper tendered a reception at State Armory tonight by Co. I and prominent Milford and Hopedale residents in appreciation of her gifts to Co. I.

DECEMBER 24. Community Christmas tree and exercises on Draper Memorial Park witnessed by hundreds.

DECEMBER 26. Public Utilities Commission allows M. & U. Street Railway Co. to increase its single fare to 13 cents.

DECEMBER 27. Death of Selectman James Logan, aged 50. He was prominent in fraternal societies, a dealer in monuments, active in fire department.

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JANUARY 2. Co-operative bank has assets of \$1,395,256.81.

JANUARY 6. There were 169 marriages and 229 deaths in Milford in 1924.

JANUARY 7. The fiery red cross, emblem of the Klu Klux Klan made its first appearance in Milford at 9.30 tonight on Bear hill. Hose 3 went to the scene and extinguished the blaze. Fiery crosses were also lighted in Holliston and Upton.

JANUARY 12. Death of James T. J. McGuire, aged 92, the oldest resident of Milford. He lived here 85 years.

JANUARY 16. The Hayward block, a two-story wooden building, 180 to 188 Main street, and two small houses, were sold today by John F. Dempsey to Harris Wolfe, Boston. Sale price reported, \$77,000.

FEBRUARY 1. A fatal coasting accident reported today, Harry Cahill, 14 years old killed on Jefferson street.

FEBRUARY 5. Beginning July 1, Milford postoffice will become first-class because of increased business.



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FEBRUARY 8. Fire in Central House building, caused a loss estimated at \$10,000.

FEBRUARY 9. Building restrictions of 75 years standing, prohibiting Central street property owners from constructing buildings any nearer the street line than the present buildings thereon, removed today by Judge William A. Burnes in Superior Court at Worcester.

FEBRUARY 27. Death of Nathaniel F. Blake, aged 78 years, 4 months. Resident here 64 years, was Town librarian 42 years, and an expert accountant.

MARCH 1. Death of James Nolan, aged 67 years, cigar manufacturer, in business here for 46 years. Also a director of Co-operative Bank.

MARCH 2. Death of Deputy Sheriff Paul Doane, aged 58 years.

MARCH 3. At the Town election, those chosen Selectmen were: John E. Higgiston, Philip Cenedella and Fred Fitzsimmons.

MARCH 6. Adjourned Town meeting ends in a riot. State police from Framingham called to quell the disturbance. Voters accept civil service for the police department, including the chief.

MARCH 9. Thomas F. Malloy is the third member of the Board of Selectmen after a recount of the votes.

MARCH 9. The new Board of Selectmen removes Chief John J. Moloney and appoints ex-Chief Ernest E. O'Brien. They also elect Philip Cenedella as chairman. There are now two chiefs of police and two chairmen of Selectmen, John E. Higgiston being chosen chairman at a previous meeting.

MARCH 14. Milford postoffice is the only one in New England to have a perfect record for 1924.

MARCH 20. Atty. Patrick O'Loughlin of Brookline is appointed Master to take testimony regarding doings at recent Town meeting.

APRIL 5. Dedication of Y. M. and Y. W. H. A. Community House.

MAY 6. Milford's population is 14,842.



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MAY 16. Milford National Bank was chartered as a State bank, May 16, 1849, with a capital of \$100,000. The first home of the bank was in the old Exchange Block at the corner of Main and Exchange streets. It moved from there to the building formerly used by Home National Bank and remained there until 1872. It then moved to the building where it is now located. The first dividend was declared April 1, 1850.

MAY 25. Auditor P. J. O'Loughlin renders his report on the case of Cenedella vs Town Clerk D. J. Sullivan. Moderator McLoughlin and D. J. Sullivan fully vindicated. Civil service adopted for police department. John J. Moloney will be chief.

MAY 28. Death of Dr. Halbert L. Keith, one of our well-known doctors, aged 64 years.

MAY 30. Death of Lewis Hayden, aged 76 years, 2 months, 15 days. He recently received his eighth commission as Justice of the Peace from Gov. Channing Cox. He held the office of Town Clerk for several years and was also a Selectman, Assessor and a member of the Town Finance Committee. He held the position of Town Treasurer and Town Clerk at the same time, never before held jointly by any other man in this town.

JUNE 25. Milford High school graduates 67 pupils.

JUNE 27. Archer Rubber Co. employs over 200 at this time.

AUGUST 22. The Milford Shoe Co. now employs over 400 persons and produces 2,000 pairs of shoes a day.

SEPTEMBER 6. St. Mary's new Parochial High school blessed this afternoon by Rt. Rev. Thomas M. O'Leary, Bishop of Springfield diocese.

SEPTEMBER 6. The seventeenth annual convention of the Independent Order, Sons of Italy, with 200 delegates attending, opened in Milford for three days.

OCTOBER 16. Supreme Court, in a decision made public today, rules that John J. Moloney is the Chief of Police of Milford and that Milford legally voted for civil service for the police department.

OCTOBER 16. The old Blue Front stable, corner of Spruce street, an old landmark, is being torn down.



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OCTOBER 17. Death of Bryan Manion, aged 76, a native and life-long resident. He was a promoter of sports and widely known in this section.

OCTOBER 20. Selectmen tonight recognized John J. Moloney as Chief of Police.

OCTOBER 24. St. Mary's Circle, Catholic Woman's Club, tonight officially opened the new parish hall in Parochial High school building.

OCTOBER 26. The "Society for the Detection of Horse Thieves," possibly one of the oldest in the country, votes to disband. The society had 40 members from Milford, Mendon, Bellingham and Medway. The society had been in existence 130 years. Its records will be turned over to the Mendon Historical Society.

NOVEMBER 1. Valencia Circle, Daughters of Isabella, instituted.

NOVEMBER 3. Annual trade show of Milford Chamber of Commerce opened tonight in State Armory, 2,500 attending.

NOVEMBER 10. Selectmen received notice tonight from Civil Service Commission that Chief Moloney and the seven Milford patrolmen are under civil service and will not be required to take civil service examinations.

NOVEMBER 17. Rails and ties of discontinued M., A. & W. Street Railway Co. in Milford limits are to be removed.

NOVEMBER 21. Death today of Sewall B. Holbrook, aged 77 years, 11 months, 24 days. He was a Civil War veteran and had distinction of being the youngest man in Milford serving in the army, enlisting when he was 14 years old.

NOVEMBER 23. Porter building, 150 to 162 Main street, acquired by Green Bros., owners of the new building recently built on the site of the Hayward block. The assessed value of the building is \$120,000.

NOVEMBER 23. Officers of the Legion Auxiliary inducted into office in Legion hall. Mrs. Beatrice Lally was installed as president.

NOVEMBER 24. The recently remodelled Milford-Hopedale Y. M. C. A. building was officially opened tonight.



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NOVEMBER 24. Milford Lodge of Elks celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary tonight and burned the mortgage on its home.

NOVEMBER 28. Milford High football team ended its season by playing Clinton High a 6 to 6 tie on Town Park today.

DECEMBER 2. The W. J. Collins Foundry Co., Inc., building was tonight practically destroyed by fire at a loss of \$13,000.

DECEMBER 14. Atty. and Mrs. Wendell Williams announce a gift of \$10,000 to the Milford Hospital, the income of which is to be used for a free bed for the use of residents of Mendon and Uxbridge. The fund is a memorial to their fathers, Gustavus B. Williams and William E. Hayward.

DECEMBER 15. Milford High school football squad tonight banquetted in Elks Home.

DECEMBER 26. The block, corner of Jefferson and Main streets, occupied by Milford Furniture Co., bought by John F. Dempsey for \$50,000.

December 27. Alhambra Rubber Co.'s factory, 129 Central street, damaged by fire tonight, causing a loss of \$30,000 to building and contents.

### 1926.

JANUARY 8. Today Treasurer George A. Barry reports receipts of \$951,699.36 and expenditures of \$928,687.76 for Milford for 1925.

JANUARY 11. Trinity Episcopal parish at annual meeting tonight burned the \$1,500 mortgage note due on the rectory.

FEBRUARY 15. Silver anniversary concert and ball of Valencia Council, K. of C.

FEBRUARY 17. Registration closed tonight for March election with names of 2,886 males and 2,608 females.

FEBRUARY 18. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mainini celebrated their golden wedding anniversary this afternoon. The family numbers 43. There is one great-grandchild.

FEBRUARY 18. Company I holds three-day auto show.

FEBRUARY 20. Death of Mrs. Mary McDermott, aged 95, Milford's oldest resident.



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MARCH 1. At annual Town election these Selectmen were chosen: Philip Cenedella, Fred W. Fitzsimmons and John E. Higginson.

MARCH 3. Fire in Milford Daily News building, Park Terrace, today, caused a loss estimated at \$10,000.

MARCH 5. At adjourned Town meeting tonight voters appropriated approximately \$520,355.15.

MARCH 7. The Bowker clothing store was badly damaged by fire today, the second time in three weeks and a property loss estimated at \$30,000. The fire is believed to have been caused by a defective oil heater.

MARCH 8. Benjamin G. Odiorne, new executive secretary of Chamber of Commerce.

MARCH 9. Pride of Court Milford, C. of F. of A., tonight celebrated its 25th anniversary.

MARCH 10. Principal Thomas J. Quirk of High school, was tonight elected president of Neighborhood Club, composed of High school principals of several towns in this section.

MARCH 13. James J. Fullum, meat inspector, today resigns after 21 years' service.

MARCH 18. Milford to be represented in the Blackstone Valley baseball league this season by a fast semi-professional team.

MARCH 31. Milford will have a new "White Way," 41 lights of 1,000 candle power on Main street from Water street to Supple square.

APRIL 11. Death of George E. Stacy, aged 92. He had been a familiar figure for 75 years; gave to Milford many years of distinguished service and was one of the most widely-known Masons in this section. He was a member of School Committee, and Assessors' Board many years.

APRIL 20. Death of Benjamin G. Odiorne, Secretary of Chamber of Commerce, aged 42. He was found dead in his office, having had a fatal heart attack.

APRIL 21. Milford High school baseball team opened its season on Town Park today by defeating Hopkinton High, 6 to 1.



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APRIL 27. Death of Henry E. Rockwood, aged 81. He was an old-time Milford fireman, joining the department in 1862; was the oldest member of Milford Firemen's Relief Association, was a former newspaper reporter and widely-known in Masonic circles.

APRIL 30. Music Hall stables today closed its doors after 45 years of continuous service. Built by Capt. Nathan W. Heath, for years were the rendezvous of famous horsemen.

MAY 5. The old Lyceum Hall block being remodelled by its new owners, Milford Furniture Co., for their use.

MAY 11. Atty. John E. Swift today reelected State Secretary of the Massachusetts Council, Knights of Columbus.

MAY 18. Italian Fascio organized in Milford with Dr. Edmando Federici, president.

MAY 30. Dedication at St. Mary's Church of four beautiful statues given by the late Miss Grace Walker, daughter of William J. Walker. The statues are those of Christ, the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Joseph and St. Therese of the Little Flower, are of Carrara marble and cost several thousand dollars.

JUNE 4. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Parkhurst, 16 Court Square, today observed their sixtieth wedding anniversary. Mr. Parkhurst is a native of Milford, is 83 years old, his wife is 78.

JUNE 11. The Mansion House, Milford's oldest hotel, closed its doors today.

JUNE 13. Edwin S. Pickert Straw Goods Co. today purchased the brick building on North Bow street.

JUNE 14. Maj. E. F. Fletcher Women's Relief Corps today celebrated its fortieth anniversary.

JUNE 14. Milford is now in the 8th Worcester Representative District.

JUNE 17. Milford High baseball team defeated Marlboro High, 3 to 1, on Town Park tonight, winning the Midland league championship, the first time since 1915.

JUNE 18. The Class of 1926, St. Mary's Parochial High school, held graduating exercises in Town Hall tonight.

JUNE 21. After losing ten straight games in Blackstone



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Valley baseball league, Milford team won its first game tonight from East Douglas, 8 to 6.

JUNE 28. Milford physicians today adopted a new schedule of prices to take effect July 1. Office calls will be \$2, house calls \$3, and maternity cases \$25.

JUNE 30. Class of 1926, High school, 120 members, graduated tonight in Town Hall. It was the largest class in the school's history.

JULY 19. Death of Charles Caruso, aged 63. He was one of the first Italian natives to come to Milford in October, 1884. He was the first Italian to hold public office.

JULY 25. Veteran firemen's parade and muster today conducted by Foresters, viewed by 5,000. Enterprise No. 2 of Campello won the first prize, \$200, with a play of 217 feet, 1½ inches. The old Washington No. 1 of Wickford, R. I., formerly of Milford, made a disappointing showing.

AUGUST 3. Death of Waldo W. Jenckes, aged 64. He came to Milford in 1883, became superintendent of Milford branch of New Haven railroad and later superintendent and part owner of Milford Shoe Co. He was a director of Milford National Bank.

AUGUST 4. Supt. Walter L. Adams today appointed by the Supreme court to be receiver for the Milford & Uxbridge Street Railway Co.

AUGUST 17. Ambrogio Paccioretti, aged 62, and Pietro Luchini, aged 59, two quarry workers, crushed to death by a granite slab at the Dodds granite quarry.

AUGUST 17. A drive started tonight by Sacred Heart Church members for a new Church.

AUGUST 22. The fourteenth annual convention of Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, Order of Sons of Italy in America opened for three days with 150 delegates. A parade of 2,500 marchers was viewed by U. S. Senator W. H. Butler, Congressman George R. Stobbs, State Senator Eben S. Draper and others.

SEPTEMBER 1. Milford's tax rate is \$31.

SEPTEMBER 4. This year's enrollment in the public schools is 3,164.



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SEPTEMBER 14. There were 778 votes cast at the primaries. John E. Swift is the Democratic nominee for Attorney General.

OCTOBER 19. There are 93 persons paying more than \$500 in taxes.

NOVEMBER 3. At State election Robert S. Leonard of Grafton and Irving E. Walker of Westboro, were elected Representatives; Elbert M. Crockett of Milford elected Senator.

NOVEMBER 22. Operations are started in the new Edwin S. Pickert straw shop.

NOVEMBER 22. Death of Capt. William Emery, aged 93 years, Milford's oldest man. He was the last of nine charter members of Maj. E. F. Fletcher Post 22, G. A. R.

DECEMBER 9. Milford Realty Corporation secures the grounds lease of the Thayer property, where the Mansion House stands for a new theatre and stores.

DECEMBER 17. Work begins on the tearing down of the Mansion House.

DECEMBER 18. Death of Benjamin T. Clancy, ex-Selectman and well-known business man, aged 74 years, 8 months.

## 1927.

JANUARY 4. Selectmen sign a year's contract, for street lighting with Milford Electric Light and Power Co., for \$17,044, which includes a new white way.

JANUARY 6. In 1926 there were 149 marriages recorded, 211 deaths, 490 births.

JANUARY 20. Milford High school is presented with the pennant for baseball championship of Midland league for 1926.

JANUARY 29. Death of James E. Walker, aged 77 years, 5 months. He was treasurer of Milford Savings Bank for 52 years, and a leading figure in the town's financial affairs.

FEBRUARY 24. There are 5,275 names on the voting list.

MARCH 7. Finance Commission recommends appropriations of \$520,485.59 for various Town departments for 1927.

MARCH 7. Voters at annual Town meeting today elected these



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Selectmen: Philip Cenedella, L. Blaine Libbey and John E. Higginson.

MARCH 9. The Societa di Mutuo Soccorso, organized five years tonight, voted to affiliate with the Sons of Italy, American Order.

MARCH 10. Milford Baseball Association tonight elected Arthur Webb president and appointed Joey Connolly, of Woonsocket, player-manager for 1927.

MARCH 15. Speaker John C. Hull of House of Representatives, formerly Principal of High school, today cast a negative vote which tied the count and defeated the referendum to ascertain the will of the voters of Massachusetts on the repeal or modification preference of the Eighteenth Amendment.

MARCH 16. At adjourned Town meeting tonight, it was voted to have a larger and better athletic field on Town Park; to buy a chemical apparatus for fire department for \$6,000; to raise the salaries of the Highway Surveyor and Assessors; to investigate Round Pond conditions; to reject an article calling for precinct voting. On March 25 it was voted that the Surveyor's salary be \$2,000 a year; the Chairman of Overseers receive \$1,500 and the other two members \$1,000 a year.

MARCH 23. Beaver Pond Fish and Game Club today received a shipment of fish from the Wilkinsonville State hatchery to stock Beaver Pond and local streams.

MARCH 24. Clark Ellis & Sons, hardware dealers and plumbers, in business in Milford 50 years, today sold the stock and business to the H. S. Chadbourne Co.

MARCH 25. Purchase of Milford Electric Light & Power Co. and erection of a new High school were defeated by voters at adjourned Town meeting tonight.

MARCH 30. The Sheehan block on Main street, and houses in rear, assessed for \$35,000, were today sold to Josephine Crosby of Medford. The block is to be torn down. A. H. Sweet Co., druggists, were in business there for fifty years.

MARCH 29. The Selectmen tonight approved bills for the first time under the new Town Accountant system.



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MARCH 30. Death of Patrick J. Duddy, aged 71, granite quarry owner and former patrolman.

APRIL 1. Archer Rubber Co. is building a large addition to its main factory, owing to increasing business.

APRIL 5. Announcement today by James A. O'Neil, owner of Huckins & Temple Co. shoe shop, he would close the business May 1 and dispose of the building, land and machinery, which he valued at \$80,000.

APRIL 5. Selectmen and Engineers of fire department today decided to buy a \$6,000 Maxim motor fire truck for fire department.

APRIL 8. Baptist Church society tonight burned the mortgage on its property.

APRIL 12. Announcement today by Draper Corporation that it had taken over the plant of Hopedale Mfg. Co., at the foot of Sumner street. Business will cease at this place.

APRIL 13. Deputy Sheriff Ernest E. O'Brien of Milford is special guard for Judge Webster Thayer at the judge's judicial chambers at Worcester Superior Civil Court, at Worcester, as a precautionary measure, due to the attitude of Sacco-Vanzetti followers.

APRIL 15. Cenedella & Co. of Milford awarded a \$340,000 sewer contract at Waterbury, Conn.

APRIL 15. Milford Daily News today established a record in its almost 40 years' existence by publishing a 16-page newspaper.

APRIL 15. Nursing Association directors today received a check for \$2,000 from Princess Boncompagni. She desired the money to go toward the salary of a nurse to be known as the Susan Preston Draper memorial nurse.

APRIL 19. The 38th annual convention of Worcester County Christian Endeavor Society, 1,200 attending, was held in State Armory.

APRIL 19. Mr. and Mrs. Lyman E. Belknap observed their 55th wedding anniversary today.

APRIL 22. The Milford Holding Co., at special meeting tonight, voted to dissolve and sell its assets to Hopedale Mfg. Co., which has been taken over by the Draper Corporation. The Hold-



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ing Co. had been organized 13 years and through its efforts 300 employees had been given employment.

APRIL 24. Death today of Theodore Perry, aged 79, prominent granite manufacturer and veteran of Civil war.

APRIL 24. Milford High school baseball team opened its season by defeating Natick High, 7 to 4, at Natick .

APRIL 28. Death of Atty. Mrs. Sarah G. (Kelly) Hennelly, aged 45. A native of Milford, graduate of High school, and the first Milford woman to be a member of the Massachusetts bar, being admitted in 1918. For 15 years she was Secretary of Massachusetts A. L. A.

APRIL 28. Milford citizens discussed the industrial situation at a meeting in Dewey Hall. Committees were appointed with a view of stimulating business.

MAY 1. Five Main street buildings badly damaged by fire. Loss to buildings and contents estimated at \$50,000.

MAY 1. A blazing K. K. K. cross, which ignited forest land off Courtland street summoned the fire department at 10.30 o'clock tonight.

MAY 2. Milford Industrial Committee organized tonight with P. Eugene Casey, president and Atty. A. B. Cenedella, secretary. Committee named to confer with Chamber of Commerce to devise means to relieve the industrial depression.

MAY 3. Judge John C. Lynch, Town Solicitor, rules that Alfred F. Martin, a member of the sewer board and superintendent of sewers cannot draw pay as superintendent while a member of the board. A bill of \$200 sent in by Supt. Martin for services was not approved.

MAY 5. The 34th anniversary banquet and ladies' night of Valencia Council, graced by the presence of United States Senator David I. Walsh.

MAY 7. Milford High school baseball team dedicated the new athletic field on Town Park by defeating Hudson High 8 to 7, in a Midland league game.

MAY 10. Atty. John E. Swift was today elected State Deputy of Knights of Columbus.



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MAY 10. Victoria Lodge, Daughters of Italy, 154 in number, were initiated tonight in Town Hall and its officers installed by Grand officers.

MAY 12. Death of Tax Collector Matthew J. Carbary, aged 53. He was a former Selectman and former Representative to the Legislature.

MAY 12. Milford baseball team of Blackstone Valley league, played its first game on Town Park tonight, defeating Marlboro, 8 to 4. Milford, by popular subscription, raised close to \$1,400 for support of the team.

MAY 13. Three armed men this afternoon staged a hold-up at the A. & P. store on South Main street, but secured only \$20.

MAY 18. Death of Chester L. Clark, native of, and life-long resident of Milford, aged 75. He was former Overseer of Poor and for many years in the milk business.

MAY 24. Milford contributed \$1,917 to Red Cross fund for Mississippi flood sufferers.

MAY 24. Selectmen refused a permit for a Sacco-Vanzetti parade, June 12.

MAY 30. The customary Memorial Day exercises were held by Grand Army, Relief Corps and kindred bodies today.

MAY 31. The historic old Milford House, the oldest hostelry in Milford, was sold today to P. Eugene Casey for \$12,000 and unpaid taxes. He also buys the land of Foundry Holding Co.

JUNE 1. Mr. and Mrs. John D. Scott, 13 Purchase street, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

JUNE 3. Milford's great "White Way" officially opened tonight with a military and civic parade. Exercises followed at Draper Park at which Charles W. Shippee spoke on Milford's industrial history.

JUNE 5. Death of Albert W. Jones, aged 81. He lived in Milford since 1852, was a former clothier and later a manufacturer of straw goods.

JUNE 17. At annual commencement exercises of St. Mary's Academy in Town Hall, 18 members of Class of 1927 received diplomas.



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JUNE 22. The graduating class of 1927, High school, 90 members, received diplomas in Town Hall. Miss Mary Burns was awarded the Patrick Peace prize.

JUNE 22. Fifteen members of Montgomery Lodge, Masons, who have been members of the lodge 50 years or more, were tonight presented with Veterans' jewels by Deputy Grand Master A. L. Saunders.

JUNE 27. State Deputy John E. Swift was tendered a reception and presented a chest of silver by members of Valencia Council tonight.

JUNE 29. Mass meeting was held in Town Hall tonight by Sacco-Vanzetti sympathizers.

JUNE 29. Milford lodge, Odd Fellows, observed Founder's night tonight. Three charter members of the lodge, instituted September 8, 1893, were present.

JULY 23. Augustus Hendrickson, aged 47, of Worcester, killed by a fall from a staging while at work on the new State theatre.

JULY 29. By the will of the late Margaret J. Spaulding, formerly a resident of Milford, the Methodist Church receives \$30,000 and Milford Hospital \$10,000. She made bequests of \$101,500 to friends.

AUGUST 8. Milford public buildings, Boston & Albany Railroad station and granite quarries are being patrolled by armed guards and will continue to be guarded until the execution of Sacco and Vanzetti for fear that sympathizers might do harm to the property.

AUGUST 13. Death of Rev. Dr. Oliver Stone Dean, aged 92 in Passaic, N. J. He was a former pastor of Milford Congregational Church.

AUGUST 22. Nicola Sacco, who died in the electric chair at Charlestown State prison this morning, formerly lived in Milford, being employed in Milford shoe shops. He left here in 1917.

AUGUST 30. Milford's tax rate is \$32.40.

SEPTEMBER 15. Atty. John E. Swift, State Deputy of the K. of C., receives notice of his appointment as a Supreme Director of the order.



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SEPTEMBER 24. The famous baseball clown, Nick Altrock, featured at Y. M. C. A. benefit baseball game on Milford Town Park, between Milford and East Douglas, which Milford won, 2 to 1.

OCTOBER 12. The united Italian organizations of Milford celebrated Columbus Day with street parade, featured by floats; exercises in Driving Park hall and fireworks display at night.

OCTOBER 20. Home National Bank installs a new night safe, for depositors. It is the first to be installed by any bank in this section.

OCTOBER 23. Death of Lucius E. Heath, aged 86. He lived in Milford practically all his life, was a veteran of the Civil War, past commander of Grand Army post, former Selectman, and former president of Co-operative Bank.

OCTOBER 25. Death of Dr. John J. Duggan, aged 67. He practised medicine in Milford 41 years and was a former member of School Committee.

OCTOBER 27. Milford's new State theatre opened tonight with a benefit performance for Milford Hospital under the direction of Mrs. B. H. Bristow Draper.

OCTOBER 29. Milford National Bank to be modernized and enlarged. A night depository device is being installed, also Federal gas protection against holdups.

NOVEMBER 3. Milford's loss by cloudburst tonight estimated at \$75,000. It was the most severe rain storm in 50 years, with roads washed out, houses damaged, basements and cellars flooded. There was a total of six inches of rain fell. Many bridges were washed away and the dam at Louisa Lake broke letting out a flood of water. Streets were turned into rivers and the situation such that the Selectmen and Finance Committee will have a special meeting for relief purposes.

NOVEMBER 12. J. Allen Wallace elected president of Co-operative Bank to succeed the late Lucius E. Heath. Patrick J. Lawless, a director, was elected vice-president.

NOVEMBER 23. Home National Bank has completed extensive alterations and additions to its quarters and now has one of the finest appointed bank offices and banking facilities. Workmen are



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soon to install a beautiful bronze chime clock on the outside of the bank's quarters.

NOVEMBER 24. A five-mile road race from Upton to Milford today had 18 contestants. Chester Doe of Worcester was the winner in 32 minutes, 25 seconds.

NOVEMBER 24. Milford High school football team closed its season by playing Clinton High a scoreless tie, here.

NOVEMBER 29. Mr. and Mrs. John G. Shurtlieff are wedded 50 years today.

DECEMBER 7. Truelove Taylor and Abraham Indursky today bought the old Bay State quarry plant on Cedar street. They propose to dismantle it. Mr. Taylor was killed later, there, while helping to remove timbers.

DECEMBER 8. Michael G. Lynch, last of the charter members of Div. 7, A. O. H., died aged 80. He was a member 55 years.

DECEMBER 9. Clara Kimball Young, famous moving picture actress, visited Milford today.

DECEMBER 12. At special Town meeting it was voted to adopt plans of Architects Wendell Phillips and Robert Allen Cook for a new High school building; estimated cost between \$275,000 and \$300,000.

DECEMBER 12. Ladies' Aid society of Milford Hospital, at annual meeting, announced the gift of \$1,000 from Princess Margaret Boncompagni toward the benefit concert for the Hospital. The net amount raised was \$10,088.26.

DECEMBER 18. The new \$80,000 Sacred Heart Church basement formally dedicated by Rt. Rev. Thomas O'Leary, Bishop of Springfield diocese, who also confirmed a class of 400. Several priests assisted in the exercises.

DECEMBER 20. Sergt. Powers Post, A. L., and the Ladies' Auxiliary will remove from Gillon block to Memorial Hall building, March 15 upon invitation of Post 22, Grand Army to share its quarters.

DECEMBER 29. Death of James Murray, aged 73, a native and life-long resident of Milford. He was a former Assessor, Chairman of the Board five years.



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JANUARY 5. Town Clerk D. J. Sullivan, reports for 1927, 151 marriages and 225 deaths.

JANUARY 12. George G. Cook makes a \$5,000 donation to Milford Hospital, the income of which is to be used for maintenance. He desired the gift to be made in five \$1,000 funds in memory of James I. C. Cook, Marion E. Cook, William Henry Cook, Addie Heald Cook and George G. Cook. A fund of \$1,000 in the name of Ella J. Cook, had previously been made by her will.

JANUARY 12. Accountant Joseph V. Carey's report shows total expenditures in 1927 to be \$631,361.38.

JANUARY 20. Charles A. Blaisdell, veteran newspaper man, a resident of Milford 45 years, is dead, aged 74 years, 1 month, 22 days.

JANUARY 20. Milford's share in the upkeep of the State Tubercular Hospital at Rutland is \$1,776.33.

JANUARY 31. Death of Gilbert Bent, one of the first mail carriers in Milford, serving 29 years, at the age of 76 years.

FEBRUARY 6. Milford Industrial Co. formed with David Craig president. It was voted to capitalize for \$100,000.

FEBRUARY 12. Baptist Church commenced a three-day celebration of its 75th anniversary.

FEBRUARY 14. Mrs. Frances B. Sayre, daughter of the late ex-President Wilson, addressed Quinshipaug Woman's Club.

FEBRUARY 16. The Smith mills property on North Bow street passed into the hands of Milford Industrial Co. for \$25,508.

FEBRUARY 21. Registration largest in Milford's history, a total of 2,967 males, and 2,413 females. Registrars have added 428 names.

FEBRUARY 25. Oghneta Tribe, I. O. R. M. celebrated its 42d anniversary.

FEBRUARY 28. Milford Electric Light & Power Co. officials announced a reduction May 1 in price of electricity to consumers.

MARCH 5. Fire caused a loss of \$6,000 to the garage and service station of Motor Equipment Co.



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MARCH 5. The Finance Commission recommends the expenditure of \$528,921.27 for the various Town departments.

MARCH 5. In Town election P. Eugene Casey, John E. Higginson and I. C. Trask, were elected Selectmen.

MARCH 6. Allen A. Hartwell installed as Grand High Priest of the Grand Encampment of Odd Fellows of Massachusetts.

MARCH 7. Official welcoming of John W. Powers Post, American Legion, in their new quarters in Memorial hall building by Post 22, Relief Corps and citizens. The A. L. Auxiliary will also use the quarters.

MARCH 9. At adjourned annual Town meeting the appropriations totalled \$528,775.36. It was voted to appoint a Town Almoner at \$1,200 salary.

MARCH 12. Milford Industrial Co., Inc., takes title and possession of the C. D. Hixon straw factory in Medway and the buildings and site of Carroll, Hixon, Jones factory on Pearl, Winter and Lincoln streets. In return Mr. Hixon secures possession of the Smith Mills Co.'s factory on North Bow street. Milford citizens will be asked to contribute \$5,000 toward the expense of the deal, which insures having Mr. Hixon again manufacture straw goods in Milford.

MARCH 12. "Bossy" Gillis, noted Mayor of Newburyport, guest of Certus club.

MARCH 13. Chamber of Commerce at mass meeting secures pledges of \$10,000 toward \$41,000 to assist the Milford Iron Foundry, Inc. A committee was appointed to sell bonds which are to pay a seven per cent. dividend.

MARCH 13. Selectmen received applications for a bus line to Medway and Holliston town lines. They refused permits for Sunday entertainments at theatres, asked the Civil Service Commission to certify to the eligibility of names on the list for constables and received a request for the continuance of the water system to Dodds' granite quarries, East Main street.

MARCH 13. Milford plans to have a baseball team in the Blackstone Valley League this year. The financial report for last year shows receipts of \$11,261.56, expenditures of \$11,138.32.



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MARCH 15. At annual meeting of Blackstone Valley Baseball League, Paul Williams of Milford, was elected president.

MARCH 17. Plumbers' union demands of \$10 per day, an increase of \$2, submitted January 1 to go into effect April 1, will not be acceded to by the Master Plumbers.

MARCH 19. Supreme Director John E. Swift and Deputy Thomas J. Quirk, of the K. of C., have been recently appointed to above prominent offices.

MARCH 19. To stimulate trade the Mercantile Bureau of Commerce are to run free busses for four successive Saturdays into Milford from all surrounding towns.

MARCH 20. Miss Fanny Washington, great-great grand niece of President Washington, addressed a joint meeting of Quinshipaug Woman's Club and Teachers' Association on "Washington by a Washington."

MARCH 20. Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Gibson observed their golden wedding anniversary.

MARCH 27. Milford Gaslight Co. announces a reduction in the price of gas to consumers for May 1. The price for the first 2,000 cubic feet per month will be \$2.10 gross and \$2 net. For the next 48,000 cubic feet per month \$1.75 gross and \$1.65 net. All over 50,000 cubic feet will be \$1.50.

MARCH 28. The sales of Christmas seals in the Milford-Mendon-Hopedale district, \$712.96, lead the South Worcester district.

MARCH 28. John T. O'Brien appointed Milford's first Town Almoner by Welfare Board.

MARCH 29. Grand Lodge of Masons presented Fred A. Gibson, a Past Master's veteran jewel at a meeting of Montgomery Lodge. Mr. Gibson has been a Mason 50 years.

APRIL 2. Announcement made that the drive by Chamber of Commerce for the sale of \$41,000 in bonds for the Milford Iron Foundry is successful.

APRIL 4. Citren-Byer Co. of Trenton, N. J., are the new owners of the M. & U. Street Railway Co. They have retained W. L.



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Adams as manager and intend to junk the railways and operate busses.

APRIL 6. Milford, Framingham Coach Co., owners of the M. & U. Street Railway Co., petitioned the Selectmen for permits to run busses from Milford to the Hopedale, Medway and Holliston town lines.

APRIL 9. American Medical Association at Washington places the Milford Hospital in the approved list of Hospitals of the country.

APRIL 11. Milford Aerie, F. of E., celebrated its 25th anniversary in State Armory tonight.

APRIL 17. The Jewelers' Institute building on Congress street was sold today to Harry B. Torosian, the purchase price being in the neighborhood of \$14,000. The Institute was opened in May, 1920 and gave training to war veterans and others in watch making.

APRIL 17. Selectmen granted permits to the Johnson Bus Lines, Inc., and the Medway & Dedham Bus Lines, Inc., to operate through Milford if trolley lines are discontinued.

APRIL 24. There were but 564 votes cast at Presidential primary, 414 Democrats, 150 Republicans, among whom were 179 women.

APRIL 27. Mutual Benefit society composed of employes of M. & U. Street Railway Co., disbanded after 26 years because of the proposed discontinuance of trolley service. There are 36 members remaining and they received \$13.28 each.

APRIL 28. Home National Bank increases its capital stock from \$130,000 to \$200,000. Total deposits are in excess of \$3,450,000 and resources exceed \$4,150,000.

MAY 8. Cenedella & Co., contractors, received the contract to build an extension to a trunk sewer at Waterbury, Conn., for \$150,000.

MAY 8. Atty. John E. Swift was elected State Deputy of K. of C., at a meeting of the State Council.

MAY 9. At an adjourned Town meeting \$750 was appropriated for the installation of 30 hydrants for fire purposes. The



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Milford Water Co. will extend its mains, at an estimated cost of \$13,480.20, to the Dodds granite quarries, East Main street. This will also enable more residents to have Town water.

MAY 12. Patrick Birmingham, commenced today his sixty-sixth year as an employe of the Draper Corporation, Hopedale.

MAY 18. Fourteen old trolley cars, owned by the street railway company, were burned by Chief Joseph Fahey of fire department, for the metals.

MAY 28. Carroll, Hixon, Jones Co. commenced manufacturing straw goods today in the Smith Mills, North Bow street factory. Selectman P. Eugene Casey sounded the whistle at 7.30 o'clock this morning announcing operations at the factory.

MAY 28. Thomas F. Flanigan & Son today took possession of the Russen Heel Co. business in the Greene Bros.' shop, off Central street.

JUNE 4. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Parkhurst, celebrate their 62nd wedding anniversary.

JUNE 7. Golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Wilcox.

JUNE 8. Milford to pay \$22,108 as its share of County tax.

JUNE 27. Graduation exercises of 96 pupils of Milford High school.

JUNE 28. Milford High school baseball nine wins Midland league championship.

JULY 13. Mrs. Adelaide Gleason observes her 99th birthday anniversary at her home on Congress street.

JULY 14. Milford's share of the State tax is \$19,380.

JULY 14. Michael D. Burke starts on his 46th year as fireman in the same company. He joined Excelsior Hook and Ladder in 1883.

JULY 24. Certus Club holds first open-air amateur boxing tournament in the Town Park, witnessed by 1,500.

AUGUST 2. Milford's oldest man, Henry Ball, a native of Milford, celebrates his 94th birthday anniversary.

AUGUST 22. Atty. John E. Swift was elected to the Supreme



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Board of Directors of the Knights of Columbus, in Convention at Cleveland, Ohio.

AUGUST 28. Tax rate for 1928 is \$29.60. Valuation of buildings, excluding land, \$10,140,270; land, excluding buildings, \$2,868,075; personal estate, \$2,489,700.

AUGUST 31. Last electric passenger car run over the Grafton & Upton line between Milford and North Grafton, by Edward J. Sullivan.

SEPTEMBER 1. Through bus service starts from Milford to Worcester.

SEPTEMBER 10. Business and professional men of Milford and other towns tender W. D. Leahy testimonial banquet on his 41st anniversary as editor of Milford Daily News.

SEPTEMBER 13. Death of Miss Hannah F. Seavey, in Machais, Me., first Superintendent of Milford Hospital.

SEPTEMBER 27. The Friendly Shoe Co., manufacturers of men's and children's shoes, incorporated. They commenced manufacturing in the vacant Greene Bros.' heel factory, off Central street.

SEPTEMBER 28. The total enrollment of pupils in the public schools is 3,089.

SEPTEMBER 28. Milford High wins the Midland league, 1928, baseball championship.

OCTOBER 30. The Past Noble Grands' Association of Norma Rebekah, celebrates its 25th anniversary.

NOVEMBER 7. Milford cast 5,474 votes at the Presidential election. Elbert M. Crockett is re-elected Senator. Representatives in General Court, L. Blaine Libbey and George W. Knowlton of Upton.

NOVEMBER 8. Dodd Bros., quarry owners, to deed to the Town a strip of land about 4,000 feet long, free of charge, for the widening and straightening of the highway by the State.

NOVEMBER 17. Death of Arthur B. Morse, Milford's oldest druggist, aged 68 years.

NOVEMBER 23. First meeting is held in Dewey hall in preparation of the Sesqui-Centennial of Milford.



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DECEMBER 29. The contract to construct the piece of State road from the Holliston-Milford line to Medway street, awarded to Bonazzolli & Sons of Hudson, for \$63,821.95.

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JANUARY 2. There were 237 deaths in 1928, 115 marriages.

JANUARY 8. Milford reports \$579, the highest amount of any of the Worcester County towns in the 1928 sale of the Christmas health seals.

JANUARY 24. The 57th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. S. Alonzo Cook.

FEBRUARY 9. The Old Barton Cook place on Silver Hill, destroyed by fire.

FEBRUARY 10. Death of George S. Whitney, Civil War veteran, aged 81 years. He had been a member of Finance Committee and served as Selectman for several years.

FEBRUARY 22. Mr. and Mrs. Edwin B. Aldrich observe their golden wedding.

MARCH 5. There were 4,397 votes cast at Town election. Selectmen chosen: P. Eugene Casey, Philip Cenedella, Timothy W. Hannigan.

MARCH 11. Main street is to be rebuilt from the Hopkinton railroad to Hopedale Town line, at an approximate cost of \$75,000. The total amount of appropriations is \$637,924.34.

MARCH 18. F. W. Woolworth Co. purchase the property at 170-174 Main street, which has an assessed value of \$50,000, and will erect and occupy a modern structure.

MARCH 26. Death of G. Marshall Greene, former heel manufacturer, aged 90 years. He was the oldest Mason in this locality and was the last survivor of Co. G, 40th N. Y. Volunteers, Mozart Regiment. He was a Director in the Milford Water Co. for more than 40 years, one of the first Directors of the Hospital and a Director of Home National Bank.

APRIL 1. Milford citizens endorse the action of the Milford Industrial Co., Inc., in securing title of the Huckins & Temple shoe factory through Selectman Casey.



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APRIL 2. A banquet and testimonial is tendered to Allen A. Hartwell who was recently elected Grand Patriarch of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts Odd Fellows.

APRIL 28. Milford is to have a new shoe firm in the former Huckins & Temple shop. Lease is signed and \$12,000 is to be raised to pay off notes. Expected to start business in May.

MAY 13. Milford Electric Light and Power Co. serves 3,822 customers in Milford, 825 in Hopedale.

MAY 18. Shoe factory drive ends with \$13,178.50 subscribed.

MAY 24. Death of Dominic J. Lang, former Town Clerk, aged 61 years.

MAY 28. Milford's share of the County tax is \$22,384.

JUNE 4. The new Lyons & Hershenson shoe firm sends out the first shipment of shoes.

JUNE 8. Milford Opera House is taken over by the owners of State Theatre.

JUNE 27. Milford High school graduates 78 pupils.

JUNE 27. Members of Magomiscock Golf Club planning to raise \$3,000 for links improvements.

JULY 9. Death of William Ahern, 57 years old, the oldest permanent member of the fire department. He was the driver of the combination truck for nearly 15 years.

JULY 13. Mrs. Adelaide Gleason celebrates her 100th birthday.

JULY 16. Carlo Bianchi & Co., Inc., of Framingham lowest bidder for the new Main street, at \$80,817.55, and are granted the contract.

AUGUST 14. Frank Lanza & Sons of Boston, get contract to build South Main street. Their bid was \$25,078.35.

AUGUST 28. A successful playground season closes with a pageant, baby show and carriage parade on Town Park.

SEPTEMBER 4. Selectmen received notice from Milford Water Co. today the company will not extend its mains to Braggville.

SEPTEMBER 9. Schools reopened for fall term with enrollment of nearly 3,000 pupils.



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SEPTEMBER 10. Plans for Milford's Sesqui-Centennial celebration in June, 1930, discussed tonight by executive committee appointed at the annual March Town meeting. An enlarged committee was selected. W. D. Leahy is chairman of executive committee.

SEPTEMBER 14. Milford and East Douglas baseball teams played second game for the championship of the league on Town Park. East Douglas won the game and Championship.

SEPTEMBER 17. Milford's new Main street will cost about \$100,000.

SEPTEMBER 17. Milford's Junior Legion baseball team, which made a very creditable showing in State contests, banquetted tonight by Milford residents.

SEPTEMBER 19. Assessors reported today the valuation of Milford as \$14,989,345; the tax rate as \$33; total appropriations, \$11,323.34; 4,002 dwelling houses.

SEPTEMBER 22. Armed bandits tonight held up two stores on Central street, securing \$300 in cash and watches and jewelry, and escape.

SEPTEMBER 24. Selectmen tonight voted to have 1,500-watt electric lights for the "White Way" instead of 1,000-watt, now in use.

SEPTEMBER 25. Milford High school baseball team officially awarded the Midland League pennant today at a meeting of the league in Marlboro.

SEPTEMBER 27. Milford's oldest male resident, Adin Ball, 23 Forest street quietly observed his 93rd birthday anniversary today.

SEPTEMBER 27. Milford's first semi-professional football team organized with Rudolph Mainini, Jr., as captain and manager.

SEPTEMBER 29. Death of George C. Buck, aged 84, a Civil War veteran, a resident of Milford 60 years. For 20 years he was Chaplain of Post 22.

OCTOBER 1. "Thrift Shop" for benefit of Milford Hospital, netted \$350.

OCTOBER 1. Mr. and Mrs. George Lewis Gardner today observed their 50th wedding anniversary.



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OCTOBER 26. Milford High school football team defeated Natick High 13 to 6 on Milford Town Park in Midland League game. Milford has only defeated Natick thrice in 23 years.

OCTOBER 28. Johnson Bus Lines, Inc., acquire the Carlson Bus Lines, Inc., for \$100,000. The Johnson Co. now operates in 26 cities and towns in Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

OCTOBER 28. Sesqui-Centennial Committee tonight approved Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 20, 21 and 22 as the dates for the celebration. Judge John C. Lynch is head of the special committee of ten.

OCTOBER 28. Milford Commandery, Knights Templar, tonight celebrated its 70th anniversary in Masonic Hall with many past commanders and Grand Commandery officers present. Charles W. Shippee was the oldest past commander and the oldest Sir Knight present.

OCTOBER 28. Mrs. Beatrice Lally, wife of Dr. F. H. Lally, tendered a reception in Memorial Hall tonight by the Legion and Auxiliary in honor of her recent election as president of the Worcester County Auxiliary Legion.

OCTOBER 29. Telephone Co. started placing additional aerial cables and poles. The expense of contemplated improvements is \$24,775.

NOVEMBER 4. Dr. William J. Clarke, is 86 years old today. He is one of Milford's oldest residents and has been medical examiner 40 years.

NOVEMBER 6. Death of James H. Reynolds, aged 63, ex-Selectman.

NOVEMBER 10. The 39th annual banquet of Societa Operaia Italiana in Driving Park Hall, featured by address of Raphael Marino, one of the founders of the society and one of Milford's oldest Italian residents.

NOVEMBER 11. Milford High football team, after six straight victories lost its first game to Framingham at Framingham 6 to 0.

NOVEMBER 16. Milford's new \$100,000 Main street was officially dedicated today with a parade, football game and a dance by the Milford Industrial Co., Inc. Philip Cenedella, Chairman of



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Selectmen, delivered an address at the dance pleading for unity and progressiveness.

NOVEMBER 16. Milford High football team defeated Hudson thereby winning Midland League pennant, the first time since 1905.

NOVEMBER 16. Death of Henry M. King, aged 68. He was a native of, and always lived in Milford and had been in the clothing business since 1886.

NOVEMBER 19. Selectmen voted tonight to cooperate with the Chamber of Commerce to have Milford's Main street decorated with trees and lights during the holidays.

NOVEMBER 22. Department of Public Works today granted request of Selectmen for traffic signal lights at junction of Main, Central and Exchange streets, the first to be installed here.

NOVEMBER 23. Alfred Alzerini, of Milford, former High school athlete and member of Holy Cross football team, was today honored by Milford citizens at Worcester and presented with gifts.

DECEMBER 2. Herbert Parkhurst, 16 Court Square, is 87 years old today. He is the oldest of the five surviving members of Post 22.

DECEMBER 6. Mr. and Mrs. Vincenzo Carraba, Ravenna street, residents of Milford 30 years, today observed their 50th wedding anniversary.

DECEMBER 9. Milford public school teachers inaugurated proceedings to have an increase in pay of approximately \$300 a year for High school and grade teachers.

DECEMBER 10. Selectmen tonight voted to present to voters at annual Town meeting in March recommendations for the expenditure of \$70,000 for Town improvements. This was in response to a request from Gov. Allen to relieve unemployment.

DECEMBER 10. President Hoover today appointed Harry D. Whitney to again be postmaster for Milford. He was first appointed in 1921.

DECEMBER 23. A. J. Knott Tool Mfg. Co., Front street, established seven years ago, today announced its first dividend on



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its common stock of \$7 a share. The company now has 75 on its payroll.

DECEMBER 31. Rev. Harry S. Longley, rector of Trinity Episcopal Church from 1895 to 1899, has been made Bishop of Iowa.

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JANUARY 1. First annual New Year's Eve party of Societa Operaia Italiana last night in Driving Park Hall.

JANUARY 7. There were 155 marriages in Milford in 1929.

JANUARY 7. Selectmen tonight voted to start a movement to have Milford granite used in the construction of Federal buildings.

JANUARY 23. Draper Corporation, of Hopedale, announced today it had taken over the controlling interest in Milford Water Co.

JANUARY 27. District Deputy Thomas J. Quirk was tonight tendered a reception in Valencia Council hall. Rev. John J. Fox, President of Holy Cross College, Worcester, was present.

FEBRUARY 7. Several gasoline dealers locked their pumps in protest of an increase in price from wholesalers.

FEBRUARY 7. Finance Committee tonight recommended expenditure of \$10,000 for Milford's Sesqui-Centennial observance.

FEBRUARY 10. Milford's new concrete Main street cost \$97,987.83 according to Town Accountant Joseph V. Carey. There was \$100,000 appropriated.

FEBRUARY 11. Milford's gasoline trouble ended today, the wholesalers acceding to the dealers' request for a four cent marginal profit on a gallon.

FEBRUARY 11. Selectmen tonight inserted an article in the Town Warrant to be acted upon in March, calling for an appropriation of \$30,000 for new cement sidewalks on both sides of Main street.

FEBRUARY 18. Milford High football team, winners of Midland League pennant, were banquetted tonight in Elks home and presented the pennant.



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MARCH 3. Philip Cenedella, Timothy Hannigan and P. Eugene Casey elected Selectmen. There were 4,888 ballots cast.

MARCH 7. Adjourned Town meeting appropriated \$576,069.51 and increased pay of school teachers.

MARCH 11. Milford voters at adjourned town meeting adopted resolutions on the death of ex-President William H. Taft. The town appropriated \$1,600 a year and voted that a member of the sewer commission

MARCH 12. Death of Adin Ball, aged 93 years and 6 months, Milford's oldest native resident.

MARCH 14. By a vote of 1,427 to 809 Milford permitted Sunday movies. The voters made the salary of the sewer superintendent \$1,600 a year and voted that a member of the sewer commission could act as superintendent.

MARCH 15. Death of Hon. George F. Birch, aged 82. He was a former State Senator, Representative, Selectman, Overseer of the Poor and had lived in Milford 64 years. He was in the meat and provision business here almost half a century.

MARCH 22. Death today of Miss Ellen M. Waters, for 42 years a teacher in Milford public schools.

MARCH 26. Federal census enumerators are Ernest A. Arsenault, Arthur Vesperi, Mrs. Fred Moriarty, Mrs. Roy Black, Mrs. Rose Guerriere and George V. Larkin.

MARCH 26. Death of George Edward Christian, 83, Civil war veteran, one of the six remaining members of Post 22 and a resident of Milford 60 years.

MARCH 31. Selectmen tonight gave John F. Rooney & Co., the contract to build the new cement sidewalks on Main street for \$19,457.50.

APRIL 6. Mrs. Laura Morrill observed her 95th birthday anniversary.

APRIL 7. At tenth annual reunion and supper of Universalist Parish tonight, a letter was received from Mrs. S. Adelaide Gleason, Milford's oldest resident, who is nearly 101 years old.

APRIL 9. Milford's Sesqui-Centennial committee held an enthusiastic meeting tonight in Elks' Home.



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APRIL 10. Dr. William J. Clarke has the distinction of being the only professional man in Milford who practised here 50 years ago. There is not even a business man here who did business 50 years ago.

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Reference to the Centennial observance of Milford on June 10, 1880 is purposely omitted from this book, as it was fully covered in the History of Milford by Rev. Adin Ballou.



# MILFORD CHURCH HISTORY

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## THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

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The history of this Church is an integral part of the history of the early life and growth of the Town of Milford. As such it should be of interest to all good citizens.

In the year 1727, when Mendon was growing and expanding in all directions, there was great agitation over the selection of the site for the new meeting-house deemed necessary by the settlers. Two parties formed, one favoring a site near the old building, the other insisting upon a more central location, and one more convenient to the newly settled sections. For four years the subject was hotly debated in fifteen Town-meetings, with the decision finally going to the party favoring the old site. But the "aggrieved" party strenuously objected to supporting a Church under these circumstances. Feeling ran so high that it was resolved to gain a separate corporate existence. So a council was called of the neighboring Churches, in reference to this secession from the Mother-Church, and in 1741, thirty-nine years before the incorporation of the Town of Milford, at the house of Elder John Jones in the "Dale" (Hopedale) a group of men met and framed themselves into a Church state by solemnly signing a Church covenant. There were twenty-six signers, and two elders were chosen, a deacon and a scribe. The General Court was petitioned "that a separate Town or precinct be created, or that the Public Ministry of both the Church and congregations in the Town of Mendon, be supported by a tax or assessment upon the whole Town." On December 23rd, these petitioners and "as many as should join with them in building a meeting-house and settling a minister" were erected into a distinct and separate precinct, with the proviso "that said inhabitants so set off shall, within the space of two years erect a convenient meeting-house, and settle a learned and orthodox minister."



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The conditions were hard, for this easterly precinct was a young, struggling community. The building proceeded slowly and services were held in private houses for fully two years. Then in December, 1743, Mr. Amariah Frost was settled as the first pastor and the easterly precinct was a fact.

At this time the meeting-house consisted of a roof, a floor, and a few rough seats, just enough to permit the Town meetings to be held there. But the Church members persevered, the necessary funds were found, and in 1748 it was considered really furnished and the deed recorded in Worcester.

The house was built on land deeded to it by Ichabod Robinson. It was forty by thirty-five feet with post eighteen feet high, suitable for the gallery. The pews were built by the individual owners and the house stood length-wise to the east of the present one, on the Common (Draper Park). Congress street did not cross the Common but turned short into Main street in front of the Mansion House, (State Theatre).

During Mr. Frost's pastorate of forty-nine years only minor alterations and repairs were made, although there was some agitation about a new meeting-house. But just before the close of his ministry in 1791 the house was enlarged to fifty-four feet by thirty-five feet, with a porch on the southern front with three doors and two gallery stair-cases. The old east and west doors into the body of the Church remained, and the pulpit was on the north side.

Upon the incorporation of the precinct in 1780 as a Town, the Town inherited the precinct's Church, and the Town-meetings continued to be held there. Also the Town became responsible for its support. So close was this union between Town and Church, that when Mr. David Long was called by the Church in 1801, the Selectmen were requested to assemble a Town-meeting to concur with the Church and provide the salary. All parish business was transacted in open Town-meeting, and the ministerial tax was laid by the Assessors as were other taxes.

But before Mr. Long's installation the Universalists, Methodists and Baptists had formed their own societies, and soon were objecting to paying taxes for support of any Church other than their own. Even the privilege of voting on Parish matters did not quiet them, and gradually many of them were exempted from Congregational taxation.



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By 1815 it proved impossible to heal the many difficulties; and the worshippers of Mr. Long's Church organized themselves into a separate parish resuming all the rights of the old precinct.

In 1818 when the Parish voted to build a new meeting-house and move away the old one, there was great disapproval from those outside the Parish. They loudly denied the claim of the Parish to ownership, in the meeting-house, contending that the Town rather than the new Parish was the heir of the precinct, and the interior of the meeting-house. At that time were born the two parties, Town and Parish, and the struggle between them is all recorded in the Town History. But the Parish party, though the smaller numerically, proved the stronger, and, undaunted by the order not to meddle with the Church edifice, successfully dismantled it and removed the house. Later the Courts sustained the claim of the Parish to the meeting-house, and the building of the new one upon the site of the old was immediately begun. The new Church was dedicated in 1819, the sale of the pews, \$7,000, amounting to more than the cost of the house.

This 1819 meeting-house was fifty-three feet by twenty-nine feet with tower and spire. In 1848 the high pulpit was removed and other repairs made, and in 1867 the building was entirely reconstructed, the congregation worshipping in Washington Hall during the period of rebuilding. An addition of thirty feet was added, the house was moved back and raised sufficiently to provide vestries and kitchen. New pews and windows were put in, the organ rebuilt and placed in the rear of the pulpit, and the galleries remodeled. Since then exterior and interior repairs have been made and a fine organ installed, but the Church structure is essentially as it was in 1868.

Nearly forty years after this radical reconstruction the Church and Parish built a much-needed Parsonage, on slightly Claflin Hill, one of the finest locations in town. This home of its ministers has been a great asset to the Church and a most welcome solution of the house problem for the ministers and their families.

This first Congregational Church of Milford, the outgrowth of the Second Church of Christ of Mendon has had from the outset strong and able men as its pastors. During the incumbency of the first two, Mr. Frost and Mr. Long, the Church became firmly established in the civic and religious life of Milford.



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Then came Rev. Smith Bartlett Goodenough, 1844-46; Rev. Preston Pond, 1849-52; Rev. James Trask Woodbury, 1852-61; Rev. Alfred Augustus Ellsworth, 1862-65; Rev. James Brown Thorton, 1865-68; Rev. Sylvanus Cobb Kendall, 1868-72; Rev. Merrill Richardson, D. D., 1873-76; Rev. Oliver Stone Dean, D. D., 1877-1883; Rev. Charles Wetherby, 1885-87; Rev. Webster Woodbury, 1888-1900; Rev. Franke A. Warfield, 1903-1914; Rev. Allen E. Cross, D. D., 1914-1925.

Of these only Dr. Cross is now living. The present pastor is Rev. G. Edgar Wolfe, Ph.D., installed January 28, 1927.

The Church began its existence with twenty-six members, all males. In 1743 three women joined and twenty more in 1744. By 1780 two hundred and forty members had been admitted. But the number dropped to sixty-nine in 1801. Today the Church has on its rolls 357.

Among the tangible achievements of the Church may be noted the following:

The formation of the Mendon Conference of Churches, by Mr. Frost. This Conference has had many notable preachers and ministers in its membership, and is in active existence today, this Church having always been a member.

In 1815 Rosalinda Nelson and Roxanna Rawson, moved by missionary zeal, founded the Female Charitable and Benevolent Society. It cared for the needy at home and sent aid to the missions in foreign lands, and was one of the first women societies in the State or Country. It exists today under the name of the Ladies' Benevolent Society, and glories in its one hundred and fifteen years of continuous work.

But Roxanna Rawson was also very much interested in the proper training of the young. To her day-school teaching duties she added the teaching of the catechism. And when the mothers complained at the extra time taken she met the children at five o'clock every Sunday afternoon. Thus in 1817 was laid the foundation of one of the earliest Sunday Schools in the State and Country. And Roxanna Rawson may rightly be called the mother of the Sunday School. For the seed she sowed bore fruit in an organized Sunday School in Milford in 1820, which has had a steady and healthy development through all the years.



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From the Sunday School have come the Christian Endeavor Society and Campfire Girl movements and last of all is numbered among the societies, the Thalia Club, a group of young women, which combines social and philanthropic activities and is a vital element in the life and growth of the Church.

The Parish or Congregational Church of Milford is nearing its second centennary. For nearly two hundred years it has borne testimony in the community to the truths of God, and the worth of the Christian ideals. May its honorable history continue throughout succeeding generations.

Among the organizations formed in these latter years, that of the Ladies' Association is prominent. Organized in 1881, with the primary purpose of helping to lift the debt then resting upon the Parish, it has faithfully devoted itself to the social and financial interests of the Church and given generously of time and strength in its support.

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## UNIVERSALIST CHURCH.

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The first Universalist Society was organized in 1781 and incorporated in 1824. It is the second oldest Universalist Society in the world. The Church, or body of communicants, was organized in 1850, the Sunday School in 1837, this being the fourth oldest in the Universalist denomination. The Ladies' Aid Society came early into existence, the King's Daughters in 1909; Mission Circle, 1910; Mizpah Club, 1920; Camp Fire Girls, 1925. There are many other organizations such as Board of Trustees, Official Board of the Sunday School, etc. Fifty years ago the Murray Club was prominent in the social life of the Town and the Fortnightly Club in the literary field.

The Society has had four meeting places, the Noah Wiswall house, now standing on East Main street, the Brick Church, opposite Town Hall, now standing, Pearl street Church, destroyed by fire in 1901, and the present granite building on Pine street.

Rev. Adams Streeter was the first pastor, being here from 1781 to 1786; then Zephaniah Lathe, Joshua Flagg, Nathaniel



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Smith, Thomas Whittemore, Jacob Frieze, Adin Ballou, Elbridge Trull, R. S. Pope, H. W. Morse, Z. Baker, William Bell, W. R. G. Mellen, B. H. Davis, William Coe, Williard Spaulding, Henry A. Eaton, David H. Plumb, James R. Johnson, George Hill, R. B. Ambler, G. L. Demarest, E. A. Perry, R. T. Sawyer, S. A. Gardner, E. W. Whitney and Harry F. Fister.

The present pastorate, now in the twenty-second year, is the longest in the history of the Society and next to the longest of all the pastorates in the Town.

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### METHODIST CHURCH.

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As early as 1792 the town records refer to Methodist worshippers in North Milford, and give the names of several ministers who served them. Among these were Rev. George Cannon, Rev. John Harper, Rev. George Pickering, Rev. Joseph Snelling, Rev. Joshua Soule, Rev. Elijah Hedding and Rev. Nehemiah Coy. This form of Pastoral supply was not adequate for the growing society, so in 1810 a meeting was held in the schoolhouse at North Milford and a religious society was organized.

By 1840 so many members had moved to Milford Center that the Church at North Milford was merged in the present First Methodist Episcopal Church of Milford. Its last formal meeting as a separate organization was in March, 1843, the meeting house was built in January, 1815, and was burned in January, 1860.

The present Church society was organized in 1844, and its Church building, with a parsonage, was built in 1849. The Church building has been twice enlarged and wholly remodeled as to interior, and a new parsonage built.

It is an interesting matter of record that Bishop Francis Asbury once preached from one of the tombs by the roadside in the old burying ground where Memorial Hall now stands.

The first preacher in charge of the North Milford Methodists was Rev. Joseph Snelling, who came in 1801. Rev. Benjamin R. Hoyt was in charge in 1810, and Rev. Van Rensselaer Osborne suc-



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ceeded him. Rev. Isaac Bonney, a local preacher and elder, was pastor when the society was legally organized in 1811, and he served until 1818.

Among other pastors were Revs. Erastus Otis, Hezekiah Thatcher and Herman Perry.

The present society in Milford has had a successful history, and has been served by some of the leading men of the conference. During a recent pastorate extensive repairs have been made to the Church building, including the installation of a steam heating plant.

The following pastors have served the society:

Rev. H. E. Hempstead, 1846-47; Rev. Joseph Whitman, 1848-49; Rev. C. W. Ainsworth, 1850-51; Rev. Albert A. Cooke, part of 1851; Rev. Isaac Smith, 1852-53; Rev. Aaron D. Sargent, 1854-55; Rev. Daniel Richards, 1856; Rev. J. M. Bailey, 1857-58; Rev. George G. Jones, 1859-60; Rev. Edward S. Best, 1861-62; Rev. Joseph Scott, 1863-65; Rev. William G. Leonard, 1866; Rev. Loranus Crowell, 1867-68; Rev. William H. Hatch, 1869-71; Rev. Rodney H. Howard, 1872-73; Rev. Porter M. Vinton, 1874-76; Rev. George F. Eaton, 1877-79; Rev. Charles Young, 1880-82; Rev. Fayette Nichols, 1883-85; Rev. Charles Tilton, 1886-88; Rev. A. W. Mills, 1889-91; Rev. Luther Freeman, 1892-93; Rev. William C. Townsend, 1894-95; Rev. G. M. Smiley, 1896-99; Rev. Garrett Beekman, 1900-01; Rev. R. E. Bisbee, 1901-02; Rev. W. F. Lawford, 1903-04; Rev. T. Corwin Watkins, 1905-13; Rev. Walter F. Whitney, 1914-16; Rev. Samuel Dupertuis, 1917-18; Rev. A. C. Williamson supplied several months during the absence of Rev. Dupertuis over seas as Chaplain in World War; Rev. F. T. Pomeroy, 1919-20; Rev. F. B. Boone, 1921; Rev. E. C. Bridgham, 1922-23; Rev. Joseph Belcher, 1924-28; Rev. Charles I. Spear, 1929—.

Besides the Official Board, Stewards and Trustees, there are the Sunday School, Ladies' Aid Society, Dorcas Class, Philathea Class, Epworth League, Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Young Men's Class, Pollyanna Class, King's Heralds Society and Men's Club.



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### ST. MARY'S CHURCH.

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In 1835 the first administrations by a Roman Catholic priest in Milford were by Rev. James Fitton of East Boston. Dominick McDavitt, one of the first natives of Ireland to reside in Milford, had the contract to build the present Medway road. Two of his employes were critically ill and desired spiritual attention. Rev. Fr. Fitton was sent for, came to Milford and gave it to them.

Fr. Fitton also solemnized the first mass in Milford in 1836, in the home of Edward McGovern. He came to Milford occasionally and alternately solemnized masses in the homes of Mr. McDavitt and Mr. McGovern. This procedure was continued until 1847 when Rev. Fr. John Boyce of Worcester commenced holding regular services. He was assisted by Rev. W. W. Gibson in collecting funds for a Church. A site was selected on East Main street and the first St. Mary's Church built, and dedicated in 1848 by Rt. Rev. Bishop Fitzpatrick. The sermon was by Fr. Matthew, the noted temperance apostle.

The first regular pastor was Rev. George A. Hamilton, March 1, 1850. In 1853 he was succeeded by Rev. Fr. Michael Carohar and he in turn by Rev. Edward Farrelly in 1854. Fr. Farrelly died August 13, 1857 and then Rev. Fr. Patrick Cuddihy came to Milford and remained here as pastor until his death, December 7, 1898.

Fr. Cuddihy was of commanding presence, a man of learning, talent and ability and under his guidance the Church made rapid strides, numerically, financially and in its influence for good. The present St. Mary's Church, the tower, parochial schools and practically all the blessings the parishioners of St. Mary's enjoy were due in a measure to his untiring zeal and energy. He established the schools in 1880.

The corner stone of the present Church was laid by Rt. Rev. John J. Williams, June 1, 1866 and the Church opened for public worship, December 25, 1870. After dedication the old Church property was sold.

The tower on the Church was completed in March, 1890, and Fr. Cuddihy bought a bell in Ireland, which together with the old bell used in the Church, are now in the tower.



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Rev. Fr. Cuddihy acquired during his pastorate much of the property on Main, Winter, Granite and Sumner streets. He also laid out the present cemeteries and built the famous Irish round tower in the new cemetery, which is the only one of its kind in America.

After Fr. Cuddihy's death, Rev. Fr. James T. Canavan, who had been senior curate for 25 years, became pastor. Fr. Canavan died in 1899 and Rev. Fr. John P. Phelan became acting pastor until October, 1904, when Rev. Fr. David F. McGrath was selected.

During the pastorate of Fr. McGrath many notable improvements were made to the Church, Church property and he transformed the two cemeteries into the best kept Catholic cemeteries anywhere. He built the present tomb in the new cemetery and added materially to the beauty of the famous Irish round tower.

Fr. McGrath also redecorated and renovated the Church, installing new stained glass windows, rebuilding and rearranging the present organ, and also acquired the present rectory on Pearl street. He died in December, 1920.

Rev. Fr. James Dunphy succeeded Fr. McGrath as acting pastor until the appointment of Rev. Fr. William F. Grace as pastor in September, 1922. Fr. Grace remained as pastor until his death, June 11, 1924.

Fr. Grace built the present St. Mary's High school and carried on the work of his predecessors in very creditable manner.

Rev. Fr. Leo T. Rock was then appointed acting pastor, remaining until the appointment of Rev. Fr. Jeremiah J. Riordan as pastor.

Fr. Riordan has endeared himself to the hearts of the parishioners, has done much for the parish and is esteemed, respected and admired by all. His greatest accomplishment, in which he and his parishioners are more than pleased is in reducing the parish debt. His greatest ambition is to live to see all the debt cleared.

Judge John C. Lynch, present chairman of the School Committee, has the honor of being the first and only one of St. Mary's parishioners to be appointed as Justice of the District Court. His selection not only is creditable to the parish but to the entire community.



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A native of Milford, James C. Luby, now of Framingham, has recently been honored with a similar position by Gov. Allen.

Among the societies directly connected with the parish, the Catholic Woman's Club, because of their influence for good in the community, their care of the unfortunate without regard for race or creed, and their devotion to Catholic ideals, should receive honorable mention. They have a well-appointed home on the Church grounds due to the generosity of the parish.

St. Mary's Parochial schools opened in September, 1880, with an enrollment of about 200 pupils, fourteen of them attending the High school. Fr. Cuddihy purchased the Erskine-Cook estate on Main street for school purposes and also used some of the Church property. The school was taught by the Sisters of Notre Dame and the first class to graduate therefrom was in 1886 when four young ladies received diplomas.

In 1896, owing to increased attendance Fr. Cuddihy built the present granite building on Winter street. It was completed in 1897. The Sisters of Notre Dame continued to teach until 1904, when they were succeeded by the Sisters of St. Joseph. During their regime they taught in the Sunday school and they also opened a Sunday school in the Purchase district. In 1904 boys were admitted as pupils in the schools.

Many of the graduates of St. Mary's schools have become teachers in the public schools, some have dedicated their lives to the Sisterhood and Priesthood; others are prominent in professional and civic life.

The first Catholic elected to the School Committee was Dr. Thomas Flatley, 1870-1874. Rev. Fr. Canavan was second in 1877. Several have been elected since.

The first Catholic to be chosen sub-master of High school was the late Thomas J. Murphy and the first Catholic principal was Dr. George Hermann Derry. Since then two other Catholics were elected, Christopher A. Fitzgerald and the present principal, Thomas J. Quirk.

A majority of the teachers in the Milford public schools are members of St. Mary's parish or of the Roman Catholic faith.

The Milford young men who adopted the Priesthood as a calling were: Rev. Fr. David F. McGrath, Rev. Fr. Michael J.



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Supple, Rev. Fr. James N. Supple, Rev. Fr. Michael Fitzgerald, Rev. Fr. P. H. Gallon, Rev. Fr. John D. McGann, Rev. Fr. Michael Carroll, Rev. Fr. John A. Conlin, Rev. Fr. Michael J. Ahern, Rev. Fr. Daniel W. Moriarty, Rev. Fr. Peter J. O'Callaghan, Rev. Fr. Patrick Burke, Rev. Fr. James F. Ahern, now chancellor of Springfield diocese; Rev. Fr. Edward M. Raftery, Rev. Fr. Michael T. Burke, Rev. Fr. George H. McDermott, Rev. Fr. John J. Rogers, Rev. Fr. John A. McNamara, Rev. Fr. Arthur E. Sheedy, Rev. Fr. Patrick A. Manion, Rev. Fr. Patrick J. Martin, Rev. Fr. Francis H. Swift, Rev. Fr. Daniel T. Devine, Rev. Fr. Daniel M. Tully, Rev. Fr. John E. Doherty, Rev. Fr. John J. McMahon, Rev. Fr. J. Fred McDonough, Rev. Fr. John Tracy, Rev. Fr. Maurice O'Shea, Rev. Fr. John F. Donovan, Rev. Fr. Robert Tracy, Rev. Fr. William Smith, Rev. Fr. John C. Sweeney and Rev. Fr. Alfred J. Walker.

Among the Milford young ladies who adopted the life of Sisterhood were: Misses Nellie Burke, Delia Welch, Elizabeth Gibbons, Margaret Finnegan, Catherine Power, Mary McGrath, Nellie McKenna, Catherine Byrnes, Margaret Byrnes, Lydia Broughey, Hannah Coakley, Agatha Mone, Mae O'Connor, May Lillian Ryan, Bridget Hayes, Grace Nugent and Celia Malloy.

The first Catholic to be elected a Milford Selectman was Richard Carroll in 1869. He also was the first Catholic elected to the Board of Health in 1863.

Hon. William R. Burke was the first Catholic from Milford to be elected to the State Senate. Judge John C. Lynch was the first Catholic Town Solicitor. Milford Catholics who have served in the State Legislature since 1880, (Lawrence Reade being the first elected in 1870) were: James F. Stratton, James Lally, John T. McLoughlin, Charles W. Carroll, William R. Burke, Matthew J. Carbary and Atty. William A. Murray.

The record of St. Mary's parishioners in the Civil war is a source of pride.

In the Spanish-American war Capt. John F. Barrett, a member of St. Mary's parish, was in command of Co. M which saw service at the front.

In the World war St. Mary's was well represented and among its members who gave up their lives in the service were: Sergt.



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Philip Callery, Sergt. John W. Powers, Private John J. Nelligan and Private Frank Esmond. Rev. Frs. Leo T. Rock and James J. Fitzgibbons, curates of St. Mary's Church, served as chaplains.

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### SACRED HEART OF JESUS CHURCH.

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Active efforts on the part of Italian-speaking residents of Milford to have a Church of their own were started on October 21, 1894, when a meeting was held in Town Hall, called by Raphael Marino, Giacomo Cenedella, Leopoldo Castiglioni, Giovanni Aspesi, Pietro Cristani, Daniele Toselli, Giovanni Zorzi, Angelo Donizoni, Bonfiglio Perini and Cesare Riva. Mr. Marino presided and a permanent organization effected with Mr. Cenedella as president and Mr. Marino, secretary.

The committee had received the sanction of Rev. Fr. Patrick Cuddihy, pastor of St. Mary's Church, to proceed with plans, subject to approval of the Bishop, Rt. Rev. Thomas D. Beaven.

Funds were solicited, land near street railway carbarns acquired, plans for the Church submitted and accepted. Owing to difficulties the project was abandoned, the land was sold and the money placed in a bank.

The second and successful effort for a Church was made in 1905, and a meeting held in Town Hall at which Mr. Marino presided. A short time preceding this, however, Bishop Beaven sent Rev. Fr. Rocco Petrarca to Milford. He conducted services in St. Mary's Church and in the meantime worked zealously to secure funds for a Church and gather his people into Church formation, with the cooperation of the Committee.

The Church committee was empowered to buy property and these four trustees, Charles Caruso, Raphael Marino, Evangelista Riccio and Santo Mazzarrelli, were given authority to do so.

On June 10, 1905, the trustees acquired from Annie Miett, title to the old John Miller property on East Main street near the "basin."

Services were held there after it was remodeled. A tower and stone front were added and services continued until 1927, when the present Church was built, largely through the generosity



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of the late Miss Elizabeth Supple, who willed her estate to the parish for Church purposes.

Philip Cenedella, chairman of Selectmen, presided at the meeting of parishioners previous to the building of the present Church, was later elected president and Rev. Fr. Fontana, the secretary in charge of the building operations.

Fr. Petrarca was succeeded by Rev. Emilio Lona, who established the present parochial schools in 1920, acquired the property now used by the Sisters as a home and a school. He remained until 1924, when he was succeeded by Rev. Luigi Fontana and he in turn by the present pastor, Rev. Raymond Dalla Porta.

Under Rev. Fr. Dalla Porta the Church has prospered numerically and financially, the parochial schools gaining greatly in membership and several societies connected directly with the Church, organized.

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### BAPTIST CHURCH.

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The Pine Street Baptist Church was organized February 15, 1853, with twenty-three charter members, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Amasa Fisher, School street. The present membership is 198.

On Sunday, there is a preaching service at 10.30 A. M., and at 7.00 P. M. Bible School at noon and Christian Endeavor at 6.00 o'clock.

The present edifice was dedicated July 18, 1861 and the Society incorporated March 3, 1890. The Church building was partially destroyed by fire March 9, 1902; rededicated and Golden Jubilee, February 15, 1903. The interior was remodeled, memorial windows placed and dedication services held October 15, 1908.

On the sixty-fifth anniversary, February 15, 1918, burning of the Church mortgage was a happy feature of the occasion.

The seventy-fifth anniversary was observed on February 12, 15 and 17, 1928.

Pastors—Rev. J. W. Russell, 1853-54; Rev. L. A. Abbott, 1855-58; Rev. H. C. Hubbard, 1858-59; Rev. R. Holt, 1860; Rev. J. Ricker, 1861-65; Rev. E. H. Page, 1866-68; Rev. F. J. Carr, 1868-



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69; Rev. C. W. Redding, 1869-71; Rev. J. B. Robinson, 1873-79; Rev. A. E. Woodsum, 1880-82; Rev. H. A. Spencer, 1882-87; Rev. F. W. Farr, 1888-91; Rev. L. G. Barrett, 1891-93; Rev. B. McClellan, 1894-96; Rev. D. T. Magill, 1897-1907; Rev. S. A. Dyke, 1907-09; Rev. C. W. Allen, 1910-15; Rev. E. L. Loomis, 1915-22; Rev. L. W. West, 1923-27; Rev. J. G. Beveridge, 1927—.

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### TRINITY CHURCH, EPISCOPAL.

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First service held in Irving Hall by Rev. Reese F. Alsop, of Framingham. Trinity Parish organized March 13, 1864, incorporated April 11, 1864. Church building opened for service November 29, 1867. Consecrated March 21, 1871 by Rt. Rev. Manton Eastburn, Bishop of Massachusetts.

Rectors: Rev. Wm. Hawkins, missionary, 1863-64; Rev. Henry Adams, 1864-65; Rev. G. G. Jones, 1865-69; Rev. E. B. Allen, 1869-70; Rev. Reginald H. Howe, 1870-72; Rev. J. M. Benedict, 1872-74; Rev. W. F. Lloyd, 1874-77; Rev. G. R. Wheelock, 1877-79; Rev. Andrew Grey, 1879-80; Rev. Wm. J. Alger, 1880-82; Rev. Samuel Edwards, 1882-84; Rev. J. B. Wicks, 1884-89; Rev. Geo. Fisher, 1889-90; Rev. J. B. Wicks, 1890-95; Rev. Harry S. Longley, 1895-99; Rev. Francis G. Williams, 1899-1902; Rev. Walton S. Danker, 1903-06; Rev. Robert T. Walker, 1906-08; Rev. Geo. A. Barrow, 1909-11; Rev. Howard M. Dumbell, 1912-13; Rev. Arthur J. Watson, 1913-15; Rev. Willis J. Hawk, 1916-19; Rev. Dudley Tyng, 1919-22; Rev. George Burgess, 1923—.

Organizations: Trinity Ladies' Guild, Girls' Friendly Society, St. James Men's Club, Altar Guild, St. James Acolytes' Guild, Young People's Fellowship.

Membership, 280 Communicants. Services, Holy Communion, 8.00 A. M.; Morning Service, 10.30 A. M.; Sunday School, 12.00 M.; Y. P. F., 6.00 P. M.

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## *Milford Church History.*

### GRACE CHURCH.

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Grace Church was organized with a membership of forty-three in 1894, as an Independent body, the nucleus being members of a branch of the Christian and Missionary Alliance.

Rev. J. Frank Fleming was the first pastor, his term being 1894-98. Then came Victor Morse, 1899-1900; C. B. Danse, 1900-01; Walter C. White, 1901-04; Rev. Lowden A. Harriman, 1904-05; Rev. John H. Hartman, 1906-12; Rev. Joseph C. Harrison, 1914-16; Rev. G. Courtney Chase, 1918-22; Charles Shaw, 1922-23; Willian Oughton, 1923-24; Clarence Chamberlain, 1924; Rev. Holger Schluntz, 1924-27; Andrew Hyndman, 1927-29. For the last year Rev. D. Stewart Smith, one of the faculty of the Boston Bible School has supplied the pulpit each Sunday.

Grace Church was incorporated in 1910 and became affiliated with the Christian and Missionary Alliance in 1919.

The Society owns its Church building and has no debt.

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### THE JEWISH SYNAGOGUE.

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In 1905 the heads of ten Jewish families in Milford met and decided to have a Synagogue. A permanent organization was effected with Joseph Marcus, president, Isadore Wyzan, secretary.

The corner stone of the Synagogue on Pine street was laid January 19, 1913, with suitable ceremonies. Rabbi Eichler of Boston conducted the ceremony and made the principal address.

The Synagogue was dedicated in September, 1913. The first Rabbi was Nathan Flecher. The present Rabbi is Max Klatskin.

The Jewish Community, since the building of the Synagogue, also acquired the old Tarbell home which they have converted into a Community House, where social gatherings are held and which is also used as a school for the instruction of Hebrew children in the Hebrew language and faith.

The colony has prospered numerically and financially.



## *Milford Church History.*

### SWEDISH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

The Swedish Congregational Society was organized in 1907, with twelve members. Previous to the erection of the Church building the Society met in Grant Building.

In 1911 the Church on Grant street was started, being finished in 1912 and dedicated with a two-day program, February 14 and 15.

The pastors who have served are: Revs. C. G. Ryden, 1907-10; A. J. Ogren, 1910-11; Oscar Eak, 1911-13; Gunnar Hakenson, 1913-14; Thure Ahlstedt, 1914-16; Oscar Norseen, 1916-19; Daniel Grytzell, 1920—.

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### CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY.

Milford Christian Science Society was organized in August, 1922. This Society is a Branch of the Mother Church, The First Church of Christ Scientist in Boston, Massachusetts. Sunday Service at 10.45 A. M. Sunday School at 10.45 A. M. Wednesday Evening Testimony Meeting at 8.00 P. M.

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### Y. M. C. A.

The Milford Y. M. C. A. was organized in 1886 with 37 members. On October 11, 1887 it was incorporated with the following officers: W. H. Bourne, President; L. N. Wilkins, Vice-President; Thomas Bowker, Recording Secretary; F. E. Pettengill, Treasurer. J. Taylor, Jr., was the first General Secretary.

Rooms were secured on Exchange street in "Clafin's new block," now Sherman's Laundry. In January, 1890, the organization moved to Thayer Block on Main street and fitted up one room for a gymnasium. They again moved in September, 1891, to the new Scott Block, Main street. On September 30, 1900, they purchased their present home of Trinity Church and moved to that location. In 1910 a gymnasium was built on the main building.

In the fall of 1924 a Campaign for \$20,000 was started to remodel the building with dormitories on the upper floor. This was completed in 1925.

There are now about 400 members.



## SPORTS IN MILFORD

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Of the athletes from Milford, who have become widely known, none stands out more prominently than Simon P. Hickey, the coach of St. Mary's baseball team. He not only had a brilliant record as a baseball player, but also as a sprint runner, having met and defeated many fast men.

The late Eben Williams was prominent, not only in athletics at Dartmouth college, but also in semi-professional baseball.

John Crahan, a Milford native, now deceased, excelled as a sprinter, wrestler and boxer.

Peter Gallagher, now a trainer and driver of race horses, who is in his fifty-seventh year, was a noted middle distance professional runner and athlete.

In school baseball the names of Wendell Phillips, Frank Fahey, Francis Cahill and Alfred Alzerini are remembered with pride. Phillips made the Notre Dame baseball team; Fahey was formerly with the Philadelphia Athletics and the only Milford young man who made a major league team; Cahill played sensationally for the championship Holy Cross College baseball team while Alzerini also played on Holy Cross teams.

George Larkin and his brother, Patrick Larkin, Patrick Rabbitt, Frank Shea, Sim Rizzi, Batista Vitalini and Augusto Tonoli were among the many Milford men who distinguished themselves in baseball. George Larkin was considered in his day, one of the best pitchers Milford had produced. Rizzi is still pitching.

James B. Heggerty, now deceased, was a star baseball pitcher and later was a coach at Dartmouth college.

Sergt. John W. Powers, war hero, participated in many sprint races and later became a coach and trainer of athletes.

The five sons of School Committeeman George F. Grayson, not only distinguished themselves in athletics at High school but also in athletics in the higher institutions of learning they later attended.



### *Sports in Milford.*

In football Alzerini and George Pyne stand out prominently. Alzerini was mentioned last year by many sport writers as an All-American end, while Pyne is a star at Holy Cross.

Thomas P. Teeling is the former New England bantam-weight and light-weight collar and elbow wrestling champion.

In modified marathon running, Warren Kneeland and Earl Vasile won many prizes and in professional sprint running Gardner Hubbard was considered very fast.

Patrolmen Alfred Calzone, Ray Cross and Eugenio Alzerini, who fought under the name of "Gene Mars," are among the widely known boxers.

Alzerini fought his first battle when but 15 years old, has engaged in 78 battles with many noted boxers and had made, up to his retirement, a very creditable showing.

Calzone was a decided sensation as a light-weight and was the idol of fistic fans. He engaged in upwards of 70 contests.

Cross, both as an amateur and professional, made an excellent record in the roped circle.

Excelsior Hook and Ladder Co. is the holder of the world's championship at hook and ladder racing.

Basketball has also been one of the prominent sports here and many fast players were developed who made fine records in this part of the state.

In tennis, Frank C. Morgan and Ernest E. Perry were considered among the top-notchers in their day.

In golf, Frank P. Lee was considered one of the best in this section and participated in many tournaments.



# PROGRAM OF OBSERVANCES

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FRIDAY, JUNE 20, 2.00 O'CLOCK

AMERICA

YESTERDAY AND TODAY

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A PAGEANT.

By Nina B. Lamkin.

Produced by the schools of Milford in commemoration of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the incorporation of Milford as a town.

COMMITTEE.

A. O. Caswell, chairman, Reverend J. A. Riordan, Reverend Raymond Dalla Porta, Reverend John P. Donahue, Thomas J. Quirk, Frank C. Berry, John L. Davoren, Raphael Marino, Miss Helena Swift, Miss Alice Ames, Miss Viola Leland, Miss Mary Ranahan, and Miss Florence N. Aldrich.

Director ..... John L. Davoren  
Assistant Director ..... Miss Rose M. Gagliardi  
Costumes ..... Miss Ellen R. Quirk  
Flag Drills ..... Albert D. Riopel  
Music ..... Miss Helena F. Swift  
Military Drills ..... Charles A. Goucher  
Folk Dances ..... Miss Helen L. Abrams  
Art Properties ..... Miss Dorcas Whipple

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## EPISODE I

### THE SPIRIT OF INDIAN DAYS

"Spirit of Indian Days"—Angelina Rossetti

#### INDIAN WOMEN

Helen Picard  
Katherine Hayes  
Jennie Manella  
Laura Grillo  
Marion Greely  
Grace Morcone  
Frances Mainini  
Gina Mancini  
Eunice Bertorelli  
Pauline Carbone

Mary Ferrucci  
Josephine Ferrucci  
Lillian Julian  
Irene Kosciak  
Josephine Lucier  
Helen Stanley  
Cecelia Calarese  
Lillian Cenedella  
Jean Salls  
Antonette Ragonese

Brona Rapekof  
Adella Rapekof  
Rose Ohanessian  
Marguerite Mullen  
Susie Diomedes  
Rose Acquasaliente  
Claire Smith  
Laura Fino  
Aurelia Castiglione  
Angelina Piscia



## *Program of Observance.*

### INDIAN MEN

Richard Siegel  
Robert Brown  
Nicholas DiGirolamo  
Arthur Kenney  
John Marcolongo  
Harold Marcus  
John Eldridge  
Alex. Ferraro  
Frank Ghiringhelli  
Anthony DeLucca

Peter Markakis  
Robert Magee  
William Jacques  
Toofic Maloof  
Robert McGinnis  
Alfred Iacovelli  
Nicholas Coniaris  
William Burns  
Frank Filosa  
William Campbell

Arthur Glatky  
Nelson Dion  
John Swift  
Sidney Smith  
Joseph Lufty  
Joseph Lantych  
Joseph Blascio  
Alfred Cenedella  
Louis DeVito  
John Doyle

The Spirit of Indian Days speaks. Indian men, women and children are gathering for The Corn Dance. (An Indian ceremonial when the last of the harvest is brought as a sacrifice to the Great Spirit for the rain and the sunshine which have made the harvest plentiful and which have given much food for the tribe.)

Arrival of another Tribe.

Laying of the Peace Pipes.

Exit of Indian tribes led by the Spirit of Indian Days.

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## EPISODE II

### THE SPIRIT OF THE WILDERNESS

“Spirit of the Wilderness”—Anna Smith

#### DAISIES

Louise Fales  
Dorothy White  
Marion Garland  
Lillian Luby

Janet Bacon  
Mary Capece  
Anita Consoletti  
Clara Tosches

Gertrude Smith  
Margaret Millette  
Anna Zarach  
Dorothy Varney

#### WILD ROSES

Edith Rose  
Ethel Hatch  
Dora Berman  
Rose Ferrucci

Rose Santacroce  
Mildred Cenedella  
Barbara Droney  
Josephine Ianzito

Theresa Pavento  
Anita Grillo  
Rose Niro  
Lena Iannitelli

#### POPPIES

Charlotte Helfand  
Eleanor Boccacino  
Rose Testa  
Irene Deletti

Bernice Chafetz  
Josephine DeVenuto  
Helen McAvoy  
Rose Testa

Irene Lachapelle  
Josephine Creasia  
Virginia Nadreau  
Sylvia Sainio

#### BLUEBIRDS

Theresa Consoletti  
Mae Carbone  
Anna Cutropia  
Elvira Antolini  
Margaret Avakian  
Helen Andrew  
Helen Droney  
Josephine DePietro

Julia Carlson  
Rose Berrini  
Jennie Chludenski  
Mary Blascio  
Mary Cimino  
Sena Ciarmicola  
Antonette Lancia  
Clara Morgan

Theresa Compagnone  
Claire Espanet  
Lena DeFazio  
Mary Palanzi  
Lucy D'Arcangelo  
Lena D'Altorio  
Florence Smith  
Flora Celozzi

#### TREES

Harvey Marcus  
Robert Macuen  
Charles Abrahamson  
Antonio Miniechello  
Joseph Mazzarelli  
Ernest Mitchell  
John Lynch  
Joseph Wyzan  
Philip Perkins  
Louis Nargi  
Arthur Peterson  
Robert Nealon  
Harold Munyon

Joseph Bellantonio  
Francis Bodio  
Ernest Bragg  
George Carlson  
James Casey  
Albert Cummings  
Humphrey Sullivan  
Dwight Watson  
Harold White  
Howard Elliott  
Louis DePalma  
Albert Calagione  
Richard Jackson  
William Crivello

Thomas Houllahan  
Edward Granholm  
James Malnati  
John Gattoni  
Maurice Pressman  
Ernest Roberti  
Adam Tieuli  
Ernest Bertulli  
Arthur Canon  
Mario Nigro  
Enrico Iannitelli  
Francis Finn  
Socrates Samaris



## *Program of Observance.*

### TREE NYMPHS

Florence Porzio  
Sylvia Werber  
Lucy Virgilli

Eva Piteo  
Lillian Edmands

Margaret Watson  
Helen Ward  
Lillian Grillo

### MIST MAIDENS

Anna Kalenda  
Mildred Garland  
Mary Higgins  
Carolyn Merrilees

Marie Vallie  
Gertrude Gladman  
Avis Higgiston  
Minnie Markakis

Madeline Johnson  
Dorothy Jackson  
Jean Sunderland  
Blanche Templeman

### PILGRIMS

Robert Rae  
Eben Reynolds  
Tony Tocci  
Ernest Swenson  
Everett Kennelly  
William O'Donnell  
Walter Jones

Donald Mann  
Robert Philbin  
Hazel Cass  
Elizabeth Cadman  
Jane Wolfe  
Ellen McNeil

Gilda Tumolo  
Catherine Wallace  
Dorothea Morrison  
Jennie DiPietro  
Helen McDonough  
Anna Tominsky  
Theresa Ruscitti

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## EPISODE III

### THE SPIRIT OF PATRIOTISM

"Spirit of Patriotism" ..... Helen Provost  
"Spirit of Massachusetts" ..... Dorothy Lawson  
"Spirit of Milford" ..... Dorothy Smiley

### COLONIAL DANCE

Margaret Carroll  
Margaret Gurry  
Ann Lally  
Alice Tenenty  
Rose Shanamian

Barbara Dillon  
Doris Bullard  
Elizabeth Meade  
Sarah Byron  
Mary Kearnan  
Louise Cunniff

Mary Malia  
Margaret Victor  
Margaret Sullivan  
Louise Welch  
Rita Pyne

### SCOTCH DANCE

Gertrude Abrams  
Adele Gattoni  
Leah Dunton  
Clara Hensel

Lillian Abbondanza  
Mary Anderson  
Helen Eddy  
Cornelia DelCastello

Veronica Moriarty  
Elsie McKay  
Erminia Iannitelli  
Alice Roy

### ITALIAN DANCE

Margaret McCarthy  
Edith Marino  
Mary Oliva  
Keyonoush Ohanian

Dorothy Nickerson  
Mary Trematore  
Lillian Standook  
Marjorie Smith

Minnie Serrano  
Rose Vasile  
Theresa Nardone  
Alba Villani

### FRENCH DANCE

Alice Gould  
Nina Mignone  
Mildred Kunz  
Doris Julian

Jessie Iacovelli  
Regina Barberi  
Angelina Bevilacqua  
Helen Connor

Antonina Bacci  
Mary Tumolo  
Catherine Tosches  
Jennie Tomboro

### IRISH DANCE

Grace Warren  
Gwendolyn Smithies  
Sarina Boni  
Eleanor Gilbert

Florence Paradiso  
Adale Civinini  
Antonette Guerino  
Jennie Celozzi

Jennie Ferrucci  
Amelia Koss  
Edith Rosen  
Malvina Tusone

### ENGLISH DANCE

Catherine Naughton  
Elizabeth Webber  
Bertha Jones

Charlotte Cooper  
Marjorie Kennelly  
Mary Lawless  
Anita Cistoldi

Lois Cox  
Eleanor Boyer  
Avis Alger

### SWEDISH DANCE

Edith Drugan  
Dorothy Barry  
Mary Hourihane  
Alice Fitzpatrick

Mary Cunniff  
Dorothy Lyons  
Anna Ford  
Lillian Dempskey

Louise Moran  
Louise Croskery  
Eileen Carney  
Gladys McDonough



## *Program of Observance.*

### DUTCH DANCE

Marion Quirk  
Dorothy Pyne  
Anna Ruhan  
Barbara Fahy  
Mary Riley

Iona Rouleau  
Dorothy Curley  
Marie Stratton  
Helen Condon  
Rita Condon  
Jean Stratton

Anna Clement  
Florence Quirk  
Marguerite Melanson  
Eileen Clifford  
Louise Kennedy

### AMERICAN DANCE

Winifred Gagnon  
Catherine Brennan  
Margaret Shaughnessy  
Claire Dalrymple  
Catherine Tarpy  
Lucille DeManche  
Isabelle Goneau  
Rita Fitzpatrick

Helen Corcoran  
Catherine Nolan  
Rita Young  
Marilyn Swift  
Anita Moran  
Rose Lally  
Margaret Casey  
Dorothy Daniels  
Leona Blanchet

Eleanor Croskery  
Eleanor Dalrymple  
Eileen Kellet  
Norma Caruso  
Margaret DeRoche  
Isabelle Manion  
Mary Read  
Anna Shaughnessy

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## EPISODE IV

### THE SPIRIT OF NEW PATRIOTISM

"Spirit of New Patriotism" ..... Mary Murray  
Groups suggestive of our country's glorious history pass before  
the "Spirit of New Patriotism."

#### REVOLUTIONARY DAYS

Deleva Grillo  
Virginia Malmquist  
Constance Vires

May Offenthal  
Antonette Tomaso  
Charles Tomaso

Alphonse Iadarola  
Frank Iadarola  
Joseph Speroni

#### "SPIRIT OF '76"

Blaine Libbey

Anthony Calzone

Alfred Imbruno

#### CIVIL WAR

Eugene Sullivan  
Ray McNeil  
Daniel Ahearn

Joseph Melanson  
John Grigareich  
James Brennan

Paul Kiley  
Daniel Nolan

#### FLAG DRILL

##### Park School, Grade VI—Mrs. McManus

John Sayles  
Elinor Bird  
Annie Alberta  
Joseph Knox  
Frank King

James Arsenault  
Christopher May  
Rudolph Tosti  
Louis Marino  
Michael Costrino

Pasquale Borelli  
Anna Peterson  
Ruth McKinley  
Gemma Tosti  
Christina Tosches

##### Park School, Grade V—Mrs. Cronin

Florence Cenedella  
Carlotta Cenedella  
Eileen Barrett  
Betty DeWalt  
Helen DePalma

Frank Berry  
Joseph Fino  
Thomas Ferguson  
Henry Wyzan  
Stephen Ohanian

Helen Cahill  
Mary Cugini  
Ethel Bagley  
Louise Lavin

##### Grade VI—Miss McDermott

Joseph Murray  
David Sibson  
Joseph Grillo  
Daniel D'Amico  
Herbert Shaw

Rosalyn Kurlansky  
Margaret Trotta  
Betty Libbey  
Sarah Pressman  
Antonetta DiVitto  
William Calarese

Harry Anderson  
Robert Besser  
Stephen Tosches  
Angelo Roberti  
Francis Iadarola

##### Park Portable, Grade V—Miss Brown

Anna Alcarese  
Francis Ruscitti  
James Bacchiocchi  
George Wolfe  
Fiori Tomboro

Josephine Civinini  
Susan Blascio  
Palmina DeGregorio  
Leo Iadarola  
Patsy Arata

Isabel O'Brien  
Helen Andreola  
Mabel Brown  
Joseph Andreano



## *Program of Observance.*

### Grade VI—Miss Mulligan

Tony Peroni  
Anna Ovsanian  
George Harlow  
Carrie DiStefano  
Caesar Bacchiocci

John Costantino  
Rose Fino  
Joseph Santacroce  
Louisa DiStefano  
Christine Trotta

Beatrice Marcus  
Patsy Chianese  
Carmine Pilla  
Matteo DiVata  
William Dillon

### Grade V—Miss Scully

Irene Joslin  
Barbara Power  
Kenneth Webster  
Louise Venditti

Ellen Sainio  
Congetta Lombardi  
Grace Grillo  
Ruth Parker  
Lena Melpignano

Raymond Davis  
Frank Minichiello  
William Werber  
Joseph Capuzziello

### Plains Grammar School, Grade VI—Miss Ranahan

Elia Sanchione  
Josephine Beccia  
Louise Rossacci  
Evelyn Bonetta  
Anna Marcolongo

Angie Onarato  
Helen Perna  
Carmela Rossi  
Mary DeCapua  
Alvin Malnati  
Valentino Candela

Salvatore Tusoni  
Peter Ferretti  
Rico Trotta  
Gino Ruscitti  
John Pagucci

### Plains Grammar School, Grade V—Miss Hogan

Arthur DeVito  
Emma Tusoni  
Louis Creasia  
Michael DiAntonio  
Connie Oliva

Steven Deletti  
Angelo DiGirolamo  
Esta Petrino  
Dorothy Grandi  
Joseph D'Antonio

Irene Mongiati  
Evelyn Comolli  
Dora Iannitelli  
Mary Micelotta  
Louis Bertorelli

### Grade VI—Miss Calabrese

Anita Abretti  
Emily Cenedella  
Rheta Christie  
Ida Creasia  
Mary Creasia

Christine Pasquini  
Pauline Mainini  
Mary DelMonte  
Natalina Federici  
Helen Macchi

Nancy D'Antonio  
Frank Andreotti  
Alfred Borghi  
Lawrence Catella  
Thomas Ianiero

### South Grammar School, Grade VI—Miss McDermott

Edward Fitzpatrick  
Peter Maietta  
Enrico Mancini  
Joseph Manella  
Clyde Sonne  
Theodore Andreola  
James Birmingham

John Brennan  
Anthony Cornacchia  
Harold Indursky  
Josephine Calarese  
Mary DiNianzio  
Anna Harrington  
Dorothy Marcus

Erminia Tocci  
Louise Brown  
Helen DiDonato  
Mary D'Alesio  
Celia Guido  
Mary Lees

### Grade V—Miss Lynch

Matilda Bellofatto  
Evelyn Abbondanza  
Elizabeth Calcagni  
Edward Vasile  
Angie Cutropia

Carolina Rossi  
Paul Mazzone  
Sarah Bollis  
Aldo Zacchilli  
Bino Sabatucci

Helen Riccardelli  
Mary DeGellonardo  
Sylvia Williamson  
Flammarion Colaianni  
Angelo Testa

### Grade VI—Miss Scully

Antonio Compagnone  
William Grant  
Rose Oneschuk  
Barbara Smithurst  
Dorothea MacLaughlin

Marion Kempton  
Michael Iacovelli  
Domenick Pizarro  
Walter Smith  
Helen Tocci

William Brown  
John Kawalezyk  
Marie Fantini  
Margaret Meomartino  
Shilla Markarkis

### Grade V—Miss Leland

Anna Berardi  
Lillian Kosciak  
Concetta Paradiso  
Suirley Hubbard  
Mary Luciano

Vincent Iadarola  
Fred Shtanduk  
Luigi Consigli  
Melba Ruccherio  
Fred Mainini

Helen Coniaris  
Rose Comastra  
Eleanor Todino  
Angelo Notturmo  
Arthur Kaizer

### Grade V—Miss Finnegan

Edward Nargi  
Bennie Tocchi  
Carlo Fantini  
Alexander Oneschuk  
William Birmingham  
Joseph D'Vittorio

Amanti Anantonio  
Francis White  
John Melniek  
Barbara Dugan  
Doris Porter  
Elvira Carracino

Olga Speroni  
Lena Parenti  
Congetta Cugin  
Mollie Crecenzi  
Amelia Iadarola



## *Program of Observance.*

### St. Mary's

Daniel Ahearn  
Alfred Barry  
Joseph Brown  
Edward Dillon  
Paul Kiley  
Daniel Malloy  
James McAvoy  
Roy O'Neil  
Joseph Melanson  
Arthur Moore  
Bernard Nolan  
Joseph O'Keefe  
Joseph Racine  
Eugene Sullivan  
James Smith  
James Sullivan  
Frederick Tredeau  
Frederick O'Connor  
James Brennan  
William Drew  
Francis Dugan  
John Grigarivich  
Philip Harrington  
George Holland  
Alexander Jablonski  
Leo Lessard  
William McDonald  
Leo Murphy  
John O'Connell

Charles Petrie  
Donald Phillips  
Edward Power  
Harvey Racine  
Frederick Sullivan  
David Tredeau  
Walter Barry  
Robert Barry  
Hanlon Burns  
James Byron  
Kenneth Casey  
Joseph Cormier  
Francis Clement  
Edward Cole  
Paul Dempsky  
John Filip  
Gerald Lally  
James McGovern  
Frederick Webster  
Alfred Nagle  
Samuel Salvucci  
Robert Sullivan  
Dorothy Brennan  
Eleanor Collins  
Elizabeth Colantonio  
Rita Cormier  
Rita Daniels  
Gertrude DeRoches  
Catherine Dewing

Madeline Fitzgerald  
Anna Ford  
Anna Keefe  
Catherine Malia  
Theresa McDonough  
Mary Nelligan  
Mary Nugent  
Mary Norton  
Catherine Rogers  
Frances Sullivan  
Marion Young  
Malvina Yuknas  
Mary Egan  
Catherine Butler  
Lilian Burkhardt  
Teresa DeManche  
Frances Grigarivich  
Rose Hourihane  
Albina Katurez  
Rose Krauss  
Agnes Colantonio  
Rose Dempsky  
Vivian Burkhardt  
Louise McGuire  
Helen Morey  
Clare O'Grady  
Dorothy Wentworth  
Pauline Williams  
Anna Wrobleski

### NATIONAL GUARD.

Mounted Marshal ..... Kenneth Howard  
Color Bearer ..... John Verelli  
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Exit of all groups led by Guardsmen.

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*Program of Observance.*

HONOR ROLL DEDICATION

FRIDAY EVENING, JUNE 20, 1930

AT 8.15 O'CLOCK

AT MILFORD HIGH SCHOOL

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Selection—V. F. W. Band of Marlboro

America

High School Music Class (under direction of  
Miss Helena F. Swift, Music Supervisor)

Introductory Remarks

Principal Thomas J. Quirk

Presentation of the World War Honor Roll

Anthony P. Ferrucci, President Class 1930

Presentation of the Tablet Dedicated to Civil War and  
Spanish War Veterans

Henry N. Iacovelli, President Class 1931

Acceptance of the Tablets

Hon. John C. Lynch, Chairman School Committee

Selection

Band

Address

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A Tribute to the Dead

Company I, M. N. G., Capt. Frederick A. Nealon, Commanding

Selection

Band

The Unveiling of the Tablets

Star Spangled Banner

Music Class



# PROGRAM OF SPORTS

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## TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

Milford and Hopedale Championship, on Milford Town Park.  
Finals, Saturday 9.30 A. M. Men's singles; Boys' singles.

BASEBALL GAME,  
Saturday Afternoon at 3.30 o'clock, Milford vs Marlboro.

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## MILFORD MODIFIED HANDICAP MARATHON RACE

Ten Miles (Open) Hopkinton, Mass., to Milford, Mass.,  
at 4.00 P. M.

Race starts at Marathon Inn, Hopkinton, through Cedar, East Main and Main Streets, around Gen. Wm. F. Draper Park to Congress Street, to Milford Town Park.

Prizes awarded to first, second, third and fourth men to finish. Special prize for first local runner to finish and prize for runner making best time.

Honorary Referee—Hon. Eben S. Draper.

Referee—George V. Brown, Boston A. A.

Judges—William P. Kenney, President N. E. A. A. A. U.;  
Walter Brown, Boston A. A.

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Charles F. Austin, Hopedale, Mass.; Thomas J. Quirk, Milford, Mass.

Timers at Finish—William Whitney, Hopedale, Mass.; Lucien E. Wells, Hopedale, Mass.

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## GOLF TOURNAMENT.

To be held at Magomiscock Golf Club, June 20, 21 and 22, for members and visiting friends. Eighteen hole medal play. Prizes for best gross and best net. Also, prize for best selected nine. Winner not entitled to more than one prize.

Contestants may enter for play on any one of the three days by registering at the Club House before starting and showing membership card with handicap in the Club of which they are a member. No entrance fee. Any additional information may be obtained by consulting the Greens Committee, consisting of the following members:—Wm. W. Knights, Clarence H. Lapworth, Fred T. Cahill or Thomas F. Flanigan.



## THE PARADE SATURDAY AT ONE O'CLOCK

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The parade, an outline of which follows, contains the list of those expected to participate as this book went to press. The parade starts at One o'clock sharp, at the junction of Medway Road and East Main Streets, and will march up East Main and Main Streets to South Main down to Fruit Street, over to Main Street, to Congress and up to Town Park.

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3rd Battalion, 181st Infantry, under command of Major G. J. Healey

Milo Burke's Band of Brockton

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Milford Brass Band

Fraternal Organizations

Veterans of Foreign Wars Band of Marlboro

Floats

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## FIREWORKS DISPLAY SATURDAY EVENING

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Included in this fine program of fireworks will be an opening salute of five powerful maroons, fired high in the air, followed by 30 tri-color illuminators, of great power; the National Emblem in colors, waving in its glory; a salvo of Sesqui-Centennial special shells; a salvo of National special shells; a silver screen by six batteries of silver comet guns; crescendo of colored bombshells; giant fountains of brilliant jewels; battery of assorted bombshells; moonlight in the jungle; barage of bombshells; illuminations by set pieces; the seal of the Town of Milford in colors and other pyrotechnics devised by the National Corporation.



# SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES,

## JUNE 22

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All the Churches of Milford extend cordial invitations to the Town's visitors to attend the services on Sunday. Following is a list of the programs which could be secured in season for publishing in this volume.

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### UNIVERSALIST CHURCH.

The service in honor of Milford's celebration will be held at 10.30 A. M., with special music by the organist, soloists and a chorus. The Church will be decorated by a committee from the Mizpah Club. The address will be by the minister, Rev. Harry F. Fister, on, "The Contribution of the First Universalist Society in Milford to the Town of Milford, Mass." At 11.45 A. M. the session of the Sunday School will be held, with a service especially arranged for the day.

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### ST. MARY'S CHURCH.

Officers of Solemn High Mass at St. Mary's Church, The Rev. Marcellus Nugent, O. P., (native of Milford) celebrant of the mass; The Rev. Patrick P. Heasley, O. P., Deacon of the mass; The Rev. Jeremiah T. Fitzgerald, O. P., Sub-deacon of the mass; The Rev. John H. Healey, O. P., P. G., Preacher of Sesqui sermon and sermon for the first solemn high mass of The Rev. Marcellus Nugent, O. P., first Milford boy to become a Domienican Friar.

Music will be by an augmented choir, assisted by an orchestra under direction of the organist.

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### SACRED HEART OF JESUS CHURCH.

At 10.45, Solemn High Mass, celebrant, Fr. Raymond Dalla Porta; Deacon, Fr. Anthony Dalla Porta; Sub-deacon, Fr. Joseph Nardon.

The sermon will be preached by Fr. Anthony Dalla Porta.

After mass, Solemn Procession and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. About 200 children will take part in the Procession.

A special feature of this service will be the inauguration of the enlarged organ of the Church.



## *Program of Observance.*

### BAPTIST CHURCH.

A special musical program will be rendered at the service at 10.30 o'clock and the pastor will preach on "Are our Churches Landmarks or Power-houses?"

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### METHODIST CHURCH.

In connection with the Sesqui-Centennial, the First Methodist Episcopal Church, on Sunday, June 22, will celebrate Old Home Day. At the morning service, at 10.30, the pastor, Rev. Charles I. Spear, will preach, and the music will be by the Claflin University Colored Quartet of Orangeburg, S. C. After the service there will be an informal reception in the vestry, with an opportunity for old friends to meet again. Light refreshments will be served.

At 2.30, accompanied by the Claflin singers there will be a pilgrimage to Pine Grove Cemetery, to the grave of Lee Claflin, benefactor of Methodism.

At 8.00 o'clock the Claflin University Quartet will give a concert program and Rev. L. M. Dunton, President Emeritus of the University will make a brief address.

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### CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

At the morning service at 10.30 o'clock, special music will be rendered. The service will be made commemorative of Milford's Sesqui-Centennial observance, and the Church's part in the community.

The historical address will be by Dr. J. M. French, who spoke at the Sesqui-Centennial of the Church in 1891. His subject will be "The Church and the Town."

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### GRACE CHURCH.

Rev. D. Stewart Smith, acting pastor, will preach at the 10.30 o'clock Sunday service on "The Basis of Civic Progress."

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### TRINITY CHURCH, EPISCOPAL.

Morning Service at 10.30 A. M. Sermon by the Rector, Rev. George Burgess, appropriate to the occasion. Special music.

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### SWEDISH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

An evening service at 7 o'clock with addresses by former pastors in connection with the Sesqui-Centennial. Music appropriate to the occasion.



# SUNDAY AFTERNOON AT THREE O'CLOCK

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Exercises on Town Park, W. D. Leahy, General Chairman, will preside at the meeting and Judge John C. Lynch will introduce the speakers, who will be:

Governor Frank G. Allen,

Hon. Robert E. Luce,

Hon. Herbert Parker,

Wendell Williams, Esq.

There will be music by the Jenney Band, Walter Smith conducting, who will also render solos.

Thomas W. Keane, who played in the band at our Centennial observance, will give a cornet solo.

Vocal solos will be sung by Mrs. Ernestine Harding Wilcox and Mrs. Elizabeth O'Connor.

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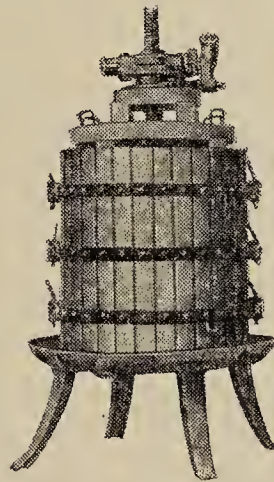
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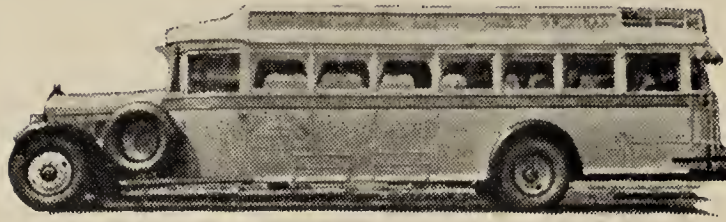


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